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350th Martyrdom Day

SRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI

Bhai Mati Das Ji,
Bhai Sati Das Ji,
Bhai Dayala Ji

Details of Samagams at Sri Anandpur Sahib

Accords Holy City status to Sri Amritsar Sahib Walled City, Talwandi Sabo and Sri Anandpur Sahib

25th November, 2025

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib

State-level Blood Donation Drive

Statewide Campaign to plant 3.50 lakh saplings

Gurbani Kirtan

Sarbat Da Bhala Gathering

Drone Show

Events organized & initiatives undertaken by the Punjab Government dedicated to the Martyrdom Day

- The Punjab Government organized events dedicated to the Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in various States.
- The events commenced from Gurdwara Sri Sis Ganj Sahib, New Delhi.
- A grand Kirtan Durbar was held at Gurdwara Sri Rakabganj Sahib.
- Rs. 71 crore were given for the development of 142 villages and cities graced by the divine feet of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. Every village and city received Rs. 50 Lakh.
- Light and Sound shows were organized in all the districts of Punjab from November 1st with show being held currently in Sri Anandpur Sahib. These shows brought to fore the great life & philosophy of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.
- Kirtan Samagams were held in the towns and cities blessed by 'Charanchhoh' of Guru Sahib Ji.
- A Kirtan Durbar was held in Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir) on November 18. On November 19, a Nagar Kirtan was organized from Srinagar. On November 20, Nagar Kirtans started from Talwandi Sabo, Faridkot & Gurdaspur. These four Nagar Kirtans culminated at Sri Anandpur Sahib on evening of November 22 & early morning on November 23.
- Tent city named 'Chakk Nanki' was setup for the comfortable stay of devotees converging at Sri Anandpur Sahib.
- A Sarv Dharm Sammelan was held in the sacred city.
- An exhibition as well as drone shows were held chronicling the life and philosophy of Guru Sahib.
- Kirtan Durbar, Katha, Gatka, Guided Tours were also organized.

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Let's pay obeisance at Sri Anandpur Sahib

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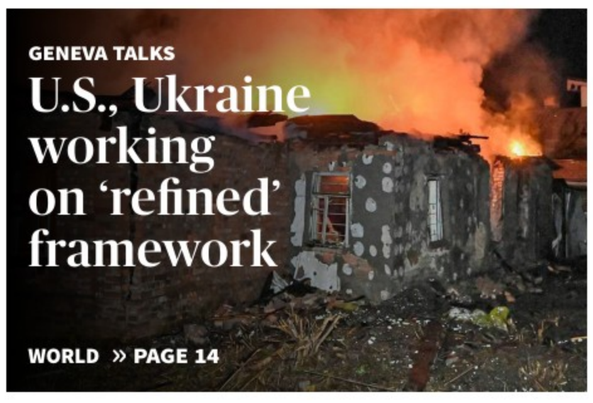

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BENGALURU
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Goa tops in digitisation of SIR forms, Kerala lags

Election Commission says enumeration forms of 99.07% voters have been collected and over 47% of them digitised; BLOs race against time to finish exercise, many complain of 'excess workload'

Vijaita Singh
Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

With 10 days remaining to complete the enumeration phase of the second round of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Election Commission on Monday said more than 47% of the enumeration forms distributed across 12 States and Union Territories have been digitised.

Goa has achieved the highest digitisation at 76.89% followed by Rajasthan at 72.20%, while Kerala and Uttar Pradesh have the lowest at 23% and 26.6% , respectively.

The enumeration phase, which began on November 4, will end on December 4. The draft list will be published on December 9 following which the period for claims and objections will begin.

According to the EC, out of the 51 crore voters being covered in this SIR, enumeration forms of 50,50,24,723, or 99.07%, have been collected and 24,13,75,229 (47.35%) have been digitised. The enumeration phase involves distribution of forms, collection of the filled ones, and uploading the data on the commission's website.

The whole exercise is being done by booth-level officers (BLOs), making them the most important cog in the wheel. However, the BLOs are racing against time. While some States such as West Bengal have witnessed protests over 'excess workload', there have been some reports of suicides by BLOs over alleged work-related stress.

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Collecting information: Special intensive revision (SIR) camps were held across Chennai on Monday. B. VELANKANNI RAJ

BLO threatens to kill himself, cites SIR pressure

KOTTAYAM
In another instance of a booth level officer expressing distress over the mounting workload from the special intensive revision, an official from Kottayam district of Kerala threatened to take his own life, citing pressure associated with the exercise. » PAGE 7

Bollywood's beloved icon Dharmendra is no more

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Veteran actor Dharmendra Kewal Krishan Deol, affectionately known as Dharmendra, passed away in Mumbai on Monday.

The 89-year-old Bollywood legend had been in and out of Mumbai's Breach Candy hospital several days earlier this month. He was later discharged and continued his treatment at home.

On Monday, a police statement said that the actor passed away in the morning, and funeral arrangements were being made at the Shree Vile Parle Seva Samaj crematorium. The actor is survived by his wives Prakash Kaur and Hema Malini, sons Sunny and Bobby Deol, and daughters Vijeta, Ajeeta, Esha and Ahana. Fans thronged the crematorium area causing traffic snarls.

Celebrities, including Salman Khan, Salim Khan, Shah Rukh Khan, Aamir Khan, Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Bachchan, Abhishek Bachchan, Sanjay Dutt, Govinda, Shatrughan Sinha, Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh, Karan Johar, Vicky Kaushal, Shabana Azmi, Akshay Kumar, Kajol, Kareena Kapoor, Chiranjeevi, Saira Banu and others, were present at the crematorium.

Dharmendra's cinematic journey spanned more than six decades, with over 300 films to his credit. Known to fans as Bollywood's "He-Man", "Garam Dharam", and the "Action King," he combined mass appeal with versatility, effortlessly moving between action dramas, comedies, and socially relevant films.

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Karnataka moves to expand disability rights with new quotas

The draft of a Bill proposing 5% reservation for persons with disabilities in all private firms with 20 or more employees, has been released

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has released a draft of the Karnataka Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Employment and Education Bill, 2025, proposing 5% reservation for persons with disabilities in all private establishments with 20 or more employees.

The draft also mandates that educational institutions earmark 10% of seats in every course for students with disabilities, one of the most expansive attempts to overhaul inclusion in employment and in higher education.

The draft sets out a phased introduction of the 5% job quota across the private sector.

Companies must distribute these posts across disability categories based on a formula prescribed by the proposed State regulatory authority, file annual compliance reports, and can carry forward unfilled posts for up to three recruitment cycles.

Exemptions will be granted only when essential job functions cannot be performed even with reasonable accommodation.

For education, the Bill makes 10% reservation course-specific, not institution-level, preventing colleges from averaging seats across programmes.

Institutions must provide reasonable accommodation at the admission, classroom and examination stages, including scribes, extra time and alternative formats of question papers.

They must prepare Accessibility and Inclusion Plans within six months and make their physical and digital infrastructure fully accessible within five years.

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The draft of the Bill mandates that educational institutions earmark 10% of seats in every course for students with disabilities. FILE PHOTO

Unique protest

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok placing a paper boat on a pothole filled with water in front of the Vidhana Soudha on Monday. Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and other leaders are seen. K. MURALI KUMAR

Goa govt. does a U-turn on tiger presence in State

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The answer to whether tigers "reside" in Goa, depends on who is asking the question.

The Goa government, earlier this year, argued before a Supreme Court-appointed committee that there was "...no permanent presence of tigers" in the State.

However, in a separate matter concerning a dispute involving Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra over sharing of water from the Mahadayi river in Goa, it stated the opposite.

"...The State of Goa states that that there is evidence to show that tigers in Goa are not merely transient animals, but are a resident population, and the forests around Chorla, Mann and Kankumbi comprise a contiguous tiger landscape corridor, to the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka to its south-east and to the Anshi Dandeli Tiger Reserve to its south that has around 35 tigers." The latter appears in a 2018 report of the Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal. "Thus, were the flow of Mahadayi river to be impeded," Goa argued, "it would impact the prey base as well as tiger ecosystem."

Sanctuary proposal

The issue of tiger presence (or absence) in Goa has come to the fore following the Goa government challenging a July 2023 order of the Bombay High Court that directed the State to declare the Mhadei sanctuary and other connected regions – as recommended by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA, the nodal Central body tasked with overseeing tiger conservation) – a 'tiger reserve' within three months.

Petition in SC

The Goa government filed a special leave petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court challenging this order.

The Goa government's core arguments in the SLP are that as per the NTCA guidelines, an area of 800-1,000 square kilometres would have to be declared an inviolate space for a tiger reserve.

The area already under protection in the State in the form of parks and sanctuaries added up to 745 sq. km. "Therefore, to declare an area larger than the already protected area, an inviolate space, would be an aberration."

Secondly, the area that would have to be declared a tiger reserve had a "huge population" of about 1,00,000 individuals spread across several villages. Given the paucity of alternative areas to settle them and the 'unwillingness' of this resident population, the move could translate to social unrest, the government said.

In terms of tiger presence, the government had argued that only three tigers were found through 'camera trapping' during the NTCA's tiger estimation survey of 2018. There was "no evidence" that these tigers were "residents" of the area; there were no cubs or young animals either, it said.

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SC to hear plea to stop cash donations to political parties

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to examine a petition to stop cash donations of even up to ₹2,000 to parties for the sake of transparency, and to bring every political contribution, no matter what the amount, under the income tax regime.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta issued notice on the plea that the Election Commission must not spare parties from disclosing even cash donations up to ₹2,000, and they should be made to divulge complete details of their donors.

"Political parties must disclose the name and all other particulars of the person paying any amount of money to it and no amount can be received in cash so as to maintain transparency in the political funding," the petition said.

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The petition has arraigned, besides the EC, the Union government, Central Board of Direct Taxes and 13 parties, including the BJP, Congress, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party, AAP, as respondents.

The petition, filed by Khem Singh Bhati, challenged the legality of clause (d) of Section 13A of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Section 13A is a special provision permitting tax exemption to political parties. Clause (d) of the provision allows parties to accept donations worth ₹2,000 in cash.

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Washington and the whirlwind rollercoaster

The left-hander has batted at five different slots in his last seven Test innings, despite which he has scored 297 runs at 59.4. He has batted with batters, he has batted with all-rounders, he has batted with bowlers and sometimes, like in the Delhi Test against WI, he hasn't batted at all

RITU RAJ KONWAR

R. Kaushik
GUWAHATI

Being the ultimate, quintessential team man isn't always a virtue. Ask Rahul Dravid. Or V.V.S. Laxman. Or K.L. Rahul. Or Washington Sundar now, more than anyone else.

Not that any one of this quartet will admit so in public, of course. That too is the lot of the team man.

Dravid was the original crisis man of Indian cricket. Need a Test opener? 'Rahul's the guy.' Need someone to keep wickets in 50-overs cricket to add depth and stability and balance leading into a World Cup? 'Ermm Rahul, can you do the job?' Rahul *could* do it, needless to say. And do it very well, too. He didn't *like* doing it, but he didn't complain, he didn't bemoan his fate. He just got down to business, in typical no-fuss fashion.

Like his batting partner in that epochal stand at Eden Gardens against Australia in 2001. Laxman had never opened the batting in any grade of cricket, at any level, then he was thrust up the order in his third Test series, in West Indies in 1997. He made a half-century in his first appearance, backed it up with a couple of more solid knocks and produced a blazing, other-worldly 167 in Sydney in January 2000 but just one Test failure later, he was jettisoned as a 'makeshift' opener - never mind who made him that.

To his credit, Laxman bounced back in stellar fashion to end up with an excellent, delightfully entertaining Test career, but that was despite the system, not because of it.

Multiple roles

Following in his fellow Bengalurean's footsteps, Rahul too has been employed in multiple roles because of his 'versatility'. He began his Test career at No. 6 - where he had never batted previously - in Melbourne in 2014 before moving up to No. 3 in the second innings and to the opener's slot in the next game in Sydney, where he produced his maiden century. For the next decade, he batted in various positions. He became a white-ball wicketkeeper - he still holds that role in the 50-over format - and was even the designated Test stumper for two matches in South Africa in 2023-24. Just about the only thing Rahul hasn't done, yet, is keep wicket to his own bowling.

Which brings us to Washington, an accidental Test debutant in January 2021 because India were struggling to put 11 fit men on the park for the deciding Test against Australia in Brisbane. More than half the team that started the series in Adelaide was unavailable for the fourth Test at the Gabba - skipper Virat Kohli had returned home on paternity leave while Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Hanuma Vihari and Jasprit Bumrah had all picked up tour-ending injuries.

Washington wasn't in the original Test party, travelling with the extended squad as a 'net bowler', until he had to perforce be pressed into service at the Gabba. He had a Test to remember, both for the fact that he was part of the group that created history by consigning Australia to their first loss at the Gabbatoir in more than three decades and that he played a significant hand in the three-wicket series-clinching victory.

In the first innings with India well behind the eight-ball, he made a flowing 62 in a century stand with Shardul Thakur, then produced a crucial 22 in a tense run-chase while displaying nerves of steel. He played in three of India's next four Tests, at home against England in February-March 2021, with unbeaten efforts of 85 and 96 bookending two ducks, but was then put out to pasture for the next three and a half years for no discernible reason.

He was still a bit player in white-ball internationals, and when he did return to the Test fold, it was under interesting - for want of a better word - circumstances. Having finally earned a top-order berth in the Tamil Nadu team, the left-hander made 152 against Delhi in October last year, immediately after which he was drafted into the Test side for the second game of a three-match series against New Zealand. Interesting why? Because he was picked primarily as an off-spinner to counter the plethora of Kiwi left-handers.

Washington responded with 11 wickets for the game and scored 18 not out and 21 from Nos. 9 and 6 respectively. Welcome back, Washy. Strap in for a whirlwind rollercoaster. And don't even think about starting to feel comfortable, because we have so many plans for you. So, so many.

He was sometimes a batter who could bowl competent off-break, at others an off-spinner who could produce mellifluous runs down the order. In his first 21 Test innings, he batted at No. 6 once, at No. 7 six times, at No. 8 11 times and at No. 9 thrice. In that phase, he had four half-centuries and four other scores of more than 25. Then came the second innings of the fourth Test at Old Trafford in July and a fresh challenge.

Washington... the Gabba flashback. FILE PHOTO

Rishabh Pant had broken his right foot in the first innings after inside-edging a Chris Woakes reverse sweep. After retiring hurt, he did come back the next day to complete a brave half-century but by the time of the second innings, he could barely put any weight on the foot; he'd only bat if needed. Trailing by 311 after the first innings and with more than five sessions to bat out, India were rocked by Woakes, losing their first two wickets without a run on the board. Rahul and skipper Shubman Gill put on 188 for the third wicket when the former was dismissed some 40 minutes into the final day's play.

At 188 for three, India had their work cut out. They also needed a new No. 5. So out came Washington, tall and poised and unflappable, compact and assured and technically near perfect.

For five hours, he hardly put a foot wrong. He never lapsed in concentration, he tried nothing fancy. He didn't even so much as look at the scoreboard. He lost his captain just before lunch and should have lost Ravindra Jadeja too, first ball, had Joe Root at first slip not put down a regulation offering. After that let-off, Jadeja also put his head down. The two left-handers first frustrated and then drove England ragged, both bringing up respective centuries and securing an honourable draw as the hosts allowed their emotions to get the better of them during an ugly final passage when they behaved with petulance and lack of grace.

That unbeaten 101 ought to have been the clincher. Instead, in the next Test at the Oval, Washington batted at No. 8 in the final innings and No. 9 in the second (because Akash Deep came in as a nightwatchman), when he scored a pivotal 53 in a series-squaring seven-run heist. His next four innings have been at No. 7 (nine not out), No. 3 (29), No. 3 (31) and now No. 8 in the first innings of the Guwahati Test against South Africa, when he made an attractive, impeccable 48.

What all of this means is that in his last seven Test innings, Washington has batted at five different slots, despite which he has scored 297 runs at 59.4. He has batted with batters, he has batted with all-rounders, he has batted with bowlers and sometimes, like in the Delhi Test against West Indies, he hasn't batted at all. Maybe the think-tank, in its collective wisdom, is convinced that the best way of getting the best out of Washington the batter is to keep him guessing and to recalibrate his 'entry point' each time so that he is presented with a fresh and exciting challenge innings after innings. If that is the case, then clearly, it is working.

Different mindset

To most people, it is natural to feel unsettled while being yo-yoed up and down a Test batting order at the drop of a hat, but Washington chooses to look at it differently. "Honestly, I really want to be the cricketer who steps up whenever the team requires and wherever the team wants me to bat and bowl. I have got to be ready and get things done for the team," he said on Monday. "That is the kind of mindset I am in. No matter what situation I am in, it is very exciting for me. That way, I also get to play different roles. I don't think many get that opportunity, so it is only exciting."

Maybe the 26-year-old is being politically correct, but what other choice does he have? Even if he has good reason to do so, can he question why he hasn't been eased off the No. 3 position despite playing out 174 deliveries in Kolkata where no one else in the Indian camp apart from Rahul (125) faced even 75? He can wonder, but whom can he ask why Nitish Kumar, despite his right-handedness in a left-heavy line-up, is occupying a slot above him despite the Andhra lad's modest recent returns which are in stark contrast with Washington's unquestioned consistency? If Washington has admirably chosen to go with the flow and not quibble like he is entitled to, then more power to him because wallowing in self-pity is of little help. Hopefully soon, he will be recognised for what he is and be allowed to grow into a role befitting his abilities because this up-and-down-the-batting-order philosophy isn't sustainable in the long run.

Even with the ball, there seems to be little constancy to thinking. In Ahmedabad against West Indies, he bowled just 10 overs in the game last month, which ramped up to 36 in Delhi in the next Test. In Kolkata last week, he got just one over in the first innings and none in the second, ostensibly because South Africa had a string of right-hand batters. But Washington's drift away from the right-handers has been a massive strength in his second coming, so why not give it a chance to express itself for more than six deliveries? Too many questions, too few answers. The good thing is that Washington isn't the one who's asking any of those. Just as well, did you say?

THE GIST

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GBA starts removing 'unauthorised' stalls

It has directed the city corporations to clear those obstructing pedestrian movement; street vendors oppose the move

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has directed all five city corporations to remove unauthorised stalls of street vendors obstructing pedestrian movement, with drives planned on weekends on the busiest stretches of each corporation.

The officials maintained that the action is meant to "improve walkability" and not an eviction exercise.

In the North Corporation, vendors in Banaswadi were removed on November 22, while the Central Corporation carried out drives on M.G. Road and Indiranagar between November 20 and 22. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Drives underway

Drives have already taken place in several locations. In the North Corporation, vendors in Banaswadi were removed on November 22, while the Central Corporation carried out drives on M.G. Road and Indiranagar between November 20 and 22.

"Smaller vendors who were using minimal space were not disturbed. Those who had taken over entire stretches were shifted to an alternative spot around 200 metres away," an official from the North Corporation said, adding that parallel action was being taken even against commercial outlets extending displays onto the pavement. The officials maintained that relocation was always attempted within nearby areas so vendors can continue earning. They also point to operational difficulties, claiming many vendors commute daily from neighbouring districts without taking responsibility for waste generated.

Street vendors, however, argued that even when alternative spaces were shown, the administration's reliance on a drastically reduced list of just 27,000 vendors was an attempt to limit the number of people legally protected under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014.

The Bengaluru's street vendor community estimated that the city has at least one lakh vendors, a number also reflected in PM-SVANidhi loan data and independent assessments. The GBA's figure of 27,000, less than a third of that, has therefore created widespread unrest. The vendor unions said the low count has ensured more "unauthorised" ones who can be removed without rehabilitation. "They are fixing vending zones only for those 27,000 people," said Muniraju P., a vendor from Jayanagar.

2024 survey

The dispute stems from the erstwhile BBMP's vendor survey conducted between September and December, 2024. The enumeration identified 27,000 vendors but did not issue a single ID card, a repeat, vendors said, of the 2017 exercise when thousands were excluded. "We were promised a transparent, systematic survey overseen by the Town Vending Committees (TVCs) as required under the Street Vendors Act. But again, many of us have been left out," Mr. Muniraju said.

The officials argued that the reduced count was the result of rules, which allow only one vendor a family to be registered. They also claimed that the enumeration became unreliable because many people brought multiple family members and insisted all be included, making verification difficult.

The officials also cited safety and traffic concerns, saying vending can only be allowed on footpaths wider than 14 feet- a standard that vendor groups argued would rule out most streets in Bengaluru.

Demands transparency

S. Rangaswamy, president of the Federation of Karnataka Street Vendors' Association, argued that the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, was designed to prevent arbitrary evictions. It mandates that vendors must be surveyed, issued identity cards, and protected from removal unless a decision is taken through the Town Vending Committee.

Vendor associations have repeatedly asked the authorities to release ward-wise lists so they can verify who has been included.

"No civic authority can evict a street vendor without a decision taken by the TVC," Mr. Rangaswamy said, adding that the association has asked the government to issue ID cards based on Aadhaar and ration card records. Even migrant vendors are protected under the law. And before any eviction, basic infrastructure including toilets, drinking water, electricity, godowns, must be created at designated vending zones, he said.

Mr. Rangaswamy noted that the Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld the right to livelihood of street vendors, including in the landmark Hawkers' Union vs BMC judgment, which ruled that no vendor can be removed without due process or rehabilitation.

Cab drivers staging a protest outside the Uber centre at Bommanahalli in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Cab drivers protest outside Uber centre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A group of app-based cab drivers staged a protest on Monday outside Uber's driver support centre in Bommanahalli, Bengaluru, accusing the company of unfair practices.

The protest, organised by members of the Bharath Transportation Group, alleged that Uber is favouring fleet-attached vehicles over independent drivers. The group also alleged that the company has been inducting drivers from outside Karnataka, which they say was affecting the livelihood of local drivers.

N. Mohan, general secretary of the group, said the agitation was held to highlight what he described as improper hiring practices.

"A large number of fleet vehicles being added to the platform are operated by drivers from other States. Many do not have proper police verification or valid licences, and they are not complying with the regulations of the State," he said.

Mr. Mohan added that, under the State rules, individuals must have lived in Karnataka for a minimum of two years to be eligible for such jobs, a requirement, he alleged, Uber was disregarding. The group also demanded that Uber implement the government-mandated 'One City, One Fare' structure. The protest ended after company representatives called the police, who later detained several protesting drivers.

A Uber spokesperson said, "We strongly condemn the use of violence and intimidation by a few individuals who had gathered outside Uber's driver centre in Bengaluru. We also categorically deny any allegation of differential treatment between fleet drivers and independent drivers - our policies are designed to ensure fairness, transparency, and equal opportunity for all, regardless of their operational model. Uber operates a zero-commission model where drivers retain 100% of fares after a nominal subscription fee."

Eight protesters were arrested by the Electronics City Police for staging an unlawful protest, obstructing police personnel on duty, and violating the High Court guidelines with regard to public demonstrations.

The arrested include six Uber drivers and two activists from a Hindu outfit.

Multiple civic agencies ordered to address infrastructure gaps

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) M. Maheshwar Rao on Monday directed multiple civic agencies to coordinate more closely and urgently address infrastructure gaps across the city, from water leakage and unsafe construction sites to unused electric poles and abandoned vehicles.

Mr. Rao informed officials that ₹200 crore has been allocated under the disaster management funds for repairing roads, lakes, and storm-water drains that were damaged during the monsoon, and instructed each corporation to prepare a list of works and begin repair work.

He further instructed the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to identify water leakage points in the GBA limits, including stretches where water is seeping out of manhole chambers.

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He said that the BWSSB must seek road-cutting permission through the given software without delay and complete repairs on a priority basis.

Electric poles

Mr. Rao also directed the Bescom to clear electric poles that remain on footpaths despite underground cabling being completed. He added that transformers placed on footpaths should not obstruct pedestrian movement and must be properly maintained. Taking note of the slow pace of the metro construction on Ballari Road, Mr. Rao instructed the BMRCL officials to speed up the work and ensure adherence to deadlines.

To clear abandoned and junked vehicles from public spaces, the city corporations have been asked to procure towing vehicles. Two such vehicles have already been purchased in the Central Corporation limits. The Chief Commissioner said the corporations must work with the traffic police to tow abandoned vehicles and identify dedicated parking spaces for them in each jurisdiction.

The Traffic Police Department has also flagged several bus stops that were contributing to congestion.

Mr. Rao said these details should be shared with the city corporations, which must inspect the locations and shift bus stops wherever necessary.

GBA orders crackdown on major property tax defaulters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) on Monday directed all five corporations to draw up lists of major property tax defaulters and take stringent action to recover long-pending dues, including sealing commercial properties wherever necessary.

During a virtual meeting, GBA Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao instructed officials to identify properties with high arrears, trace owners who remain outside the tax networks, and speed up action on pending revision cases. He asked city corporation commissioners to hold daily review meetings with revenue officers and issue clear directives to ensure tax recovery is prioritised.

Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner (Revenue), GBA, said the five corporations have set a combined property tax target of ₹6,700 crore for the year, of which ₹3,533 crore has been collected so far. He directed officials to intensify collection efforts, especially from revision cases and long-time defaulters.

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As per the GBA, 24,000 property tax revision cases across the five corporations account nearly for ₹170 crore in dues. A separate list of 22,000 defaulters together owes ₹598 crore. Officials have been told to give special attention to recovering these arrears.

Each corporation must prepare a list of 100 revision cases and 100 major defaulters in every division and assign specific recovery targets to Revenue Inspectors and Revenue collectors. Mr. Rao also directed officials to promptly verify and process pending new khata applications and ensure timely conversion of B-khata to A-khata.

Two more held in ATM cash van robbery case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Police on Monday arrested two more people in connection with the ₹7.11 crore cash van robbery, taking the total number of arrests in the case to eight.

The accused have been identified as Dinesh and Jinesh. They were allegedly part of the conspiracy to rob a CMS Info Systems cash van near Jayanagar last week.

The CMS Info Systems is the company responsible for transporting cash through these vans. According to the police, Dinesh was arrested in Bengaluru, while Jinesh was apprehended in Chennai, both on Sunday. So far, authorities have recovered ₹6.55 crore of the stolen amount.

"Around ₹56 lakh is yet to be recovered," said Lokesh B. Jagalasar, Deputy Commissioner of Police (South division).

Earlier, on Saturday, City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh announced the arrest of six suspects.

Megalithic excavations in Chamarajanagar district reveal rare burial practices, rock art

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Recent excavations at Doddalathur in Chamarajanagar district have revealed new insights into early megalithic burial culture and traditions in southern Karnataka, including unusual layouts and rare engravings on boulders.

Doddalathur, located in Hanur taluk and five kilometres southwest of Kowdalli, is one of the few surviving megalithic landscapes in the region where a large number of burials remain intact. Although over 40 sites in the belt were first recorded in the 1960s by archaeologist C. Krishnamurthi, the present excavation marks are one of the few systematic investigations of such sites undertaken in Karnataka in recent decades.

N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mysore, V. Nagaraj, president, Mythic Society, and others at a heritage exhibition of Doddalathur artefacts, in Mysuru on Monday. M.A. SRIRAM

The field work and excavations were carried out from October 2024 to February 2025 and led by V. Shobha of the Department of Studies in Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore, in collaboration with the Mythic Society, Bengaluru, which is funding the project.

According to Dr. Shobha, the excavation exercise – which was co-directed by C.B. Patil, retired officer of Archaeological Survey of India – led to the opening of 13 burials, comprising stone circles and cairn circles, constructed with natural boulders of varying diameters. Four contained cists, or stone-slab chambers, while the rest were urn burials.

"In the megalithic burials, the usual burial repertoire includes pottery known as black-and-red ware, black ware and red ware, and iron objects. "These were also found in some of the burials that were excavated at Doddalathur, in addition to skeletal and animal remains and a few beads," she added.

These findings formed the core of an exhibition inaugurated on Monday at the University of Mysore as part of World Heritage Week 2025. The most interesting discovery, according to researchers, is that of an iron object, which is circular in shape with two loops on either sides and resembles an iron shield. This was found in association with iron weapons like axe, arrow, and a two-pronged sword while the same burial has human figures engraved on the boulders. Underlining its importance, Dr. Shobha said this is significant because rock art is rare in this part of Karnataka. Charcoal samples from both urn and cist contexts were dated through AMS Carbon-14 analysis, placing the burials between the 6th century BCE and the 4th century CE, a timeframe consistent with megalithic occupation phases elsewhere in peninsular India, she added.

Scholars at the event noted that despite Karnataka's long archaeological record, large-scale, university-led excavations of megalithic sites remain rare due to funding constraints. The Doddalathur project, they said, not only fills a longstanding gap in regional Iron Age studies but also underscores the need for sustained institutional support for excavations and heritage research. The exbibition will be open to the public till November 28.

Bengaluru Literature Festival on Dec. 6, 7 at Freedom Park

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BENGALURU

The 14th edition of the Bengaluru Literature Festival (BLF) will be held on December 6 and 7, this time at Freedom Park.

This edition will have four stages- three children's venues and a bookstore. It will feature close to 300 international, Indian and city authors and speakers.

Big names

Leading names at the festival are International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq, British crime writer Clare Mackintosh, tech journalist and AI chronicler Karen Hao, American poet and novelist Kazim Ali, award-winning Australian playwright Julie Janson, author and MP Shashi Tharoor, author and chairperson of The Hindu Group Nirmala Lakshman, essayist and novelist Pankaj Mishra, bestselling writers Amish, Anand Neelakantan, Chetan Bhagat, and Shobhaa De, comedian and actor Vir Das, among others, the BLF said.

The festival will open at 9 a.m. on both days. Entry is free and it is open to all, and registration is recommended

The festival will open at 9 a.m. with morning music on both days. Entry is free, open to all and registration is recommended, the BLF said.

Why different venue

V. Ravichandar, one of the organisers of the BLF, said that the shift in the venue was to ensure a community event was held in a public space.

"Moreover, the Freedom Park is in the heart of the city, close to metro stations and bus stands. It has ample paid parking for both two-wheelers and cars," Mr. Ravichandar said.

Symbol of Bengaluru

"From a site of silence and surveillance to one of community and expression, the Freedom Park stands as a symbol of Bengaluru's past and present, reminding us that public spaces, like literature, reading and people, can transform and carry forward new meanings," Mr. Ravichandar said.

The festival venue is an eight-minute walk from Sir M. Visveswaraya Station, Central College Metro (Purple Line) and the bus stop, and a 15-minute walk from the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station, Majestic Metro (Green Line) and the bus stop.

Where does road dust settle in India's efforts to clean its air?

Dust pollution is mainly caused by unscientific practices during the development of roads and maintenance; the collected dust is typically discarded in landfills or on the roadsides, from where the wind easily carries it back into the cities, rendering the entire process of sweeping ineffective

Charu Tyagi
Swagata Dey

Efforts to control road dust have been underway in India for several years. Representative photo. SUBHASISH DUTTA/UNSPLASH

Road dust mainly comprises PM_{10} and coarse particles and forms a large share of the air we breathe. With the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) aiming for a 40% reduction in PM_{10} by 2025-2026, reducing road dust is an urgent priority.

This is reinforced by source apportionment studies across 17 non-attainment cities that have found road dust to be a major contributor to PM_{10} (20-52%) as well as $PM_{2.5}$ (8-25%) particles. IIT-Delhi researchers have also recorded that streets in 32 cities across Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana vary widely vis-à-vis their silt loads, from 0.2 g/m² to 111.2 g/m²; Delhi averages 14.47 g/m².

Overall, cities in North India have heavier silt loads and are thus dustier than their southern counterparts.

In response, governments have already invested heavily in fighting dust. Per a 2024 report by the Centre for Science and Environment, ₹19,711 crore was allocated to 131 cities between 2019 and 2025 under the NCAP to improve air quality. By November 2023, nearly 64% of the total fund had been spent on road dust control, far more than what was spent on tackling biomass burning, vehicular pollution, and capacity-building efforts.

While this suggests that there's a prioritisation, it's essential to assess effectiveness on the ground.

Policy landscape

Efforts to control road dust have been underway for several years. In January 2018, the Union Environment Ministry issued a notification to mitigate dust at construction sites, mandating paving and blacktopping of roads leading up to such sites. In 2021, the Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) recommended the establishment of 'Dust Control and Management Cells'. Following statutory directions from the CAQM, 68 Cells were set up to undertake a comprehensive set of actions, including identifying dust hotspots, paving and repairing roads and roadsides, greening central verges and roadsides, and deploying mechanised road-sweeping machines and anti-smog guns. The CAQM periodically reviews these activities. However, dust from roads and open areas remains a major driver of poor air quality in Delhi-NCR.

To strengthen its approach, the CAQM initiated a study called 'Addressing vehicular traffic-induced road dust resuspension for air quality action plans' in 2025. In the pilot phase, 24% of 82 km of assessed road length was found to be in poor condition, 42% moderate, and 34% good. The CAQM also set up a committee to develop a 'Standard Framework for Controlling Dust Pollution from Roads and Open Areas'.

Both initiatives recommended multiple activities, including paving and greening, for the NCR states as well as additional steps such as digital mapping of all roads in Delhi-NCR and conducting comprehensive road condition surveys.

As is evident, these efforts were focused on Delhi-NCR whereas similar measures and institutional mechanisms are needed across India. Indeed, the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 make broad references to road dust management. The Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules 2025 don't outline specific regulations addressing road dust control at the national scale, however. There are also no standard operating procedures to scientifically dispose of the dust collected by manual and mechanised sweeping to prevent resuspension.

Jurisdictional puzzle

While the NCAP, the CAQM guidelines, and city action plans prioritise control options such as paving roads and roadsides, sprinkling water, and so on, the outcomes remain uneven.

Even with 64% of the total NCAP fund spent on road repair and maintenance, 29 cities have reported an increase in PM10 concentrations. Of the 68 cities where the local PM10 concentration dropped, 61 were above the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, pointing to the limited effectiveness of extant interventions.

One major challenge is fragmented jurisdiction.

Under the NCAP, municipal corporations and State Pollution Control Boards are required to curb road dust. In practice, however, the responsibility is split across multiple agencies. In Delhi, 12 agencies – including the Municipal Corporation, the Delhi Development Authority, the Central Public Works Department, and the National Highways Authority of India – maintain roads. Similarly, 18 agencies are involved in Uttar Pradesh, 22 in Haryana, and 16 in Rajasthan. Without clearly demarcated roles, funds and accountability become diffused. Operational constraints add to the problem. Of Delhi's total road length of 19,000 km, only 8,000 km has been identified for mechanised sweep ing. Around 200 mechanised road-sweeping machines (each operating at 40 km/hr) are required to clean this stretch every day. Yet the number of such machines in Delhi is only 85. This gap is much wider in other cities, underscoring the need to properly estimate road length and for machine mapping.Road dust management guidelines should also be established to define the appropriate type of cleaning and maintenance machinery based on road width, surface type, traffic conditions, debris characteristics, water availability, and seasonal variations.

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Finally, to ensure agencies coordinate better, a GIS-based platform should be created to allow them to monitor and resolve complaints in real-time, thus improving accountability. Such a system can be integrated with existing applications, such as the Green Delhi App and Swachhata App, to improve coordination and response.

Practical measures

Dust pollution is mainly caused by unscientific practices during road development and maintenance. The collected dust is typically discarded in landfills or on roadsides, wherefrom the wind easily carries it back into cities, rendering the entire sweeping process ineffective.

Dust suppressant chemicals such as calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, and natural polymer-based agents (e.g. lignosulphate and bitumen-based emulsions) are widely available. However, their effectiveness and impact on soil and road health aren't well documented. We need scientifically informed mitigation strategies, including guidelines for using dust suppressants and scientific disposal mechanisms for collection.

Addressing road and open-area dust across India will require a holistic and time-bound approach, embedded within a long-term, sustainable urban planning framework.

A comprehensive, science-based regulatory mechanism for cleaner road construction and maintenance, considering open roadsides and air quality as critical components of infrastructure development plans, is essential.

Thoughtfully designed and consistently implemented dust control strategies can significantly enhance air quality, protect public health, and help build more resilient and liveable cities.

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Moss growing on bricks. JAMES919 (CC BY-SA)

Moss spores survive space exposure, testing life's bounds

Vasudevan Mukunth

How far can plant life be pushed in harsh environments? Climate change as much as humans' plans for colonies on the moon or Mars makes this question urgent. Scientists already know that some microbes and crop seeds can tolerate heavy doses of radiation, deep cold, and vacuum.

Mosses and other bryophytes were among the first plants to colonise land and have survived repeated shifts in the earth's climate, yet their limits in true space conditions were not well known. Previous space experiments mostly used vascular plants, which have specialised tissues to transport water and minerals through their bodies. Research on mosses stopped at simulations in labs.

In a study published on November 20 in *iScience*, researchers from Japan chose the model moss *Physcomitrium patens* because its life cycle and stress responses have been well studied in the lab. They examined which moss tissues could withstand extreme stress, and whether any of them could stay alive in open space outside the International Space Station (ISS).

The team first compared three moss tissues – young filaments (protonemata), stress-induced brood cells, and spores inside their capsule – in simulated conditions, including intense ultraviolet (UV) light, freezing, high heat, vacuum, and vacuum plus short-wave UV. Then they sent the most resilient stage, spores encased in their sporangium, to a platform outside the ISS for nine months and measured how many spores still germinated when they returned.

The study strengthened the idea that bryophytes could help green extraterrestrial bases and support life-support systems while giving astrobiologists a clearer view of how robust plant life could be beyond the earth

In the ground tests, protonemata died quickly under strong UV, long freezing at minus 80 °C, and when heated to 55 °C. Brood cells performed better but still failed under the strongest treatments. Spores protected by the sporangium were far tougher: many survived UV doses about 1,000x higher than brood cells, 30 days of deep freezing, and 30 days at 55° C, with only partial loss of germination. They also tolerated nearly a month in high vacuum and strong vacuum-UV with almost no drop in viability. In space, spores from all dark and UV-shielded groups germinated at about 95%, showing that vacuum, temperature swings, and microgravity had little effect. Even in the fully exposed group, which received space UV, about 86% of spores still germinated.

The results suggested while the *P. patens* spores themselves were intrinsically stress-resistant, the sporangium added a protective shell against radiation, temperature extremes, and vacuum – echoing the way seed coats protect embryos in higher plants, and may reflect early evolutionary solutions that helped the first land plants cope with dry, exposed conditions.

By comparing UV tolerance across many organisms, the authors also showed that moss spores rival or exceed famous radiation-resistant microbes and some crop seeds, especially in their ability to handle very-short-wavelength UV. At the same time, the study noted the spores were less impressive at ultra-low temperatures than some tree seeds, that pigment damage could matter over longer missions and estimated that spores might survive 15 years in space based on limited data and needs testing.

Even so, the authors added, their work strengthened the idea that bryophytes could help "green" future extraterrestrial bases and support closed life-support systems while giving astrobiologists a clearer view of how robust plant life could be beyond the earth.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

110 years of general relativity

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Question 1
Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity is written in a compact set of linked equations that relate how spacetime responds to how matter and energy are distributed. What are these central mathematical relations, which are often named after Einstein, called?

QUESTION 2
Instead of treating gravity as an invisible pull across empty space, general relativity says that mass and energy tell spacetime how to bend and that bent spacetime tells objects how to move. Name the geometric property of spacetime that describes this bending in the theory.

QUESTION 3
Einstein didn't invent the mathematical tools he needed for general relativity from scratch. Instead he drew on the work of a 19th century Italian mathematician who, with Tullio Levi-Civita, formalised the mathematics of spaces. Name this mathematician, whose contributions to differential geometry eventually made Einstein's theory possible.

QUESTION 4
Before the general theory of relativity, physicists described the attraction between two masses using a simpler theory that treated gravity as a force that acted instantaneously across some distance. Name the originator of this theory, which includes a law saying force depends on the product of the masses and the inverse square of the distance.

QUESTION 5
In order to solve problems in general relativity, physicists need to first describe quantities like energy, momentum, and the properties of spacetime in a way that works in any coordinate system and any direction. Which mathematical tool, which generalises the concept of scalars and vectors to higher dimensions, is used for this purpose?

Answers to November 20 quiz:
1. Bubble separation method in mineral processing – **Ans: Froth flotation**
2. Selective swapping of ions between solid, liquid phases – **Ans: Ion exchange**
3. Carbon-based extraction technique in metallurgy – **Ans: Carbothermic reaction**
4. Liquid medium used in electrorefining methods – **Ans: Molten salts**
5. Mixtures with lower melting points than their constituents – **Ans: Eutectics**

Visual: **Diamond**

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Visual: Each exact solution of the mathematical relations of general relativity (Q1) has a name. Name this person, who solved the relations for what space looks like around a spherical and non-rotating black hole, while serving as a soldier in World War I. PUBLIC DOMAIN

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Karnataka moves to expand disability rights with new quotas

Students with disabilities will receive relaxations such as a five-year upper-age extension and 5% cut-off relaxation, while educational loans must be available at concessional rates with simplified processes and dedicated facilitators. Unfilled seats may be carried forward for three years.

Beyond quotas, the Bill proposes comprehensive safeguards against discrimination in recruitment, promotion, training and service conditions.

Employers must provide reasonable accommodation such as assistive devices, flexible work arrangements and workplace modifications. Any denial on grounds of "undue hardship" must be explained in writing and may be reviewed by the State regulatory authority.

Employers are barred from disclosing disability-related information without informed consent, except where required for safety or legal compliance. Employees who acquire a disability during service cannot be terminated or demoted and must be reassigned or placed in a supernumerary post.

To enforce the framework, the draft sets up two bodies -- a State Regulatory Authority to oversee compliance, conduct audits and issue guidance, and a State Enforcement Authority to adjudicate complaints and award compensation. All establishments and educational institutions must appoint trained Grievance Redressal Officers and provide multiple accessible complaint channels.

The government has sought objections and suggestions within 30 days.

BMRCL announces early morning services every Monday on Yellow Line

Officials say the decision has been taken primarily to streamline crowd management, particularly on Monday mornings, when many commuters return to the city from their home towns

The Hindu Bureau
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The new services will operate at 5.05 a.m. and 5.35 a.m. from both R.V. Road and Bommasandra.
K. MURALI KUMAR

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) has announced the introduction of two early morning services on the Yellow Line every Monday, following a protest by passengers at the R.V. Road Metro Station on November 17.

The new services will operate at 5.05 a.m. and 5.35 a.m. from both R.V. Road and Bommasandra. On all other weekdays, services will continue to begin at 6 a.m., while on Sundays the first train will run at 7 a.m.

Senior BMRCL officials said that the decision was taken primarily to streamline crowd management, particularly on Monday mornings, when many commuters return to the city from their home towns.

"A lot of people arrive at Majestic and other parts of the city early on Mondays. Since trains begin earlier on all other lines but not on the Yellow Line, these passengers were unable to continue their journey by metro. With the introduction of an early morning service on the Yellow Line, these commuters can now take the early metro as well," an official said. For many regular travellers, the revised schedule brings significant relief. Ravi Kishan, a commuter from Bommanahalli, welcomed the move. "I usually travel to my native Hosapete on weekends and come back early Monday morning, around 4.30 a.m. When I reach Majestic, I board the Green Line to get to R.V. Road, but there I don't get a train at all because operations start only at 6 a.m. Now that the BMRCL is starting services at 5.05 am, I think it will help all passengers like me who come back early from our native places," he said.

Another passenger, Pavana K., a resident of Kudlu Gate, said the revised timings were useful but insufficient. She urged the BMRCL to increase train frequency and extend early morning operations to all days of the week. "It is very useful that metro services on the Yellow Line start early, but the frequency has to improve. They should consider starting the train early every day so that more people benefit. This feels like an eyewash after the protest that happened recently," she said.

The protest on November 17 caused disruption during peak travel hours. The BMRCL officials had said a section of passengers arriving via the Green Line, which starts operations at 5 a.m., staged a demonstration at R.V. Road after discovering that the Yellow Line services would only commence at 6 a.m. The frustrated commuters reportedly blocked the train doors and prevented the first departure, causing a 35-minute delay.

The police were called to manage the situation, and services resumed after officers intervened.

Sixth trainset in Dec.

According to officials, further improvements are expected soon. The Namma Metro is set to induct a sixth trainset in Decembe. The addition of more trains is expected to reduce wait times and ease congestion.

Metro commuters flag NCMC glitch

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Namma Metro users have raised concerns over recurring issues with the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC), reporting failed transactions and difficulties recharging their cards over the past few days.

Several passengers took to social media to highlight the problem, saying the system has been unreliable despite repeated attempts.

Raghu S., a regular commuter, said, "This card barely functions most of the time. I honestly don't understand what the problem is. The service has been disappointing, and for over a week now, the metro stations still haven't been able to recharge cards because of ongoing issues." Responding to the complaints, a senior official from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) acknowledged the disruptions. The official said, "We are facing occasional disruptions in the NCMC recharge because of a software glitch. Our technical team is currently working to resolve the problem."

The BMRCL, along with RBL Bank, introduced the NCMC on March 25, 2023, during the launch of the Whitefield-Krishnarajapura corridor. The initiative, promoted as the 'One Nation-One Card', aims to enable seamless mobility payments nationwide.

During the inauguration, Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first commuter to use the card.

Three students held on charge of assault

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Ashok Nagar police have arrested three students from Kerala for allegedly assaulting a private firm employee over a parking row in front his house on October 22. The accused have been identified as Basil Verghese, Taras Raji, and Sandeep Mahadev, students pursuing BBA, MSc, and B.Tech respectively.

According to the police, the incident occurred around midnight when the trio planned a trip and booked a Zoomcar. When they arrived in the neighbourhood to pick up the vehicle, the victim Azar Ahmed noticed the unfamiliar faces and questioned them about their presence and why they were parking their car in the area.

Police said the questioning angered the trio, who allegedly attacked Ahmed without provocation.

A few residents recorded the assault on video before alerting the police. The video soon went viral, prompting swift police action.

Student found murdered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 21-year-old student was found murdered at her residence in Tammenahalli within the Madanayakanahalli police station limits on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Devishri, a native of Andhra Pradesh who was pursuing BBA at a private college. She was living alone in a rented house. The murder came to light when the house owner noticed no movement from the house and went to check, only to find Devishri lying dead on the bed with multiple injuries. He alerted the police.

The police have registered a case and have launched a probe.

A video grab of a fire fighter dousing the fire at the GBA commercial complex in Jayanagar on Monday.

Fire at GBA complex

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A fire broke out at the Greater Bengaluru Authority's (GBA) commercial complex in Jayanagar 4th Block on Monday, due to suspected short circuit triggering panic among employees and visitors.

Two fire tenders rushed to the spot, doused the fire and brought the situation under control.

The fire personnel rescued Krishne Gowda, who was trapped inside a lift. Another person, Arun Prasad, an employee of the Minor Irrigation Department, was provided first aid and later shifted to a hospital. Greater Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao and South City Corporation Commissioner K.N. Ramesh visited the site and carried out an inspection.

Officials confirmed that no major damage occurred to the building or the offices, though the electrical duct sustained damage due to the short circuit.

Mr. Ramesh said a team comprising officials from the South Zone, Bescom, and the Fire and Emergency Services has been formed to investigate the exact cause of the electrical failure and submit a detailed report. As a precaution, power supply to the entire commercial complex has been cut.

Timings
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TUESDAY, NOV. 25
RISE 06:23 SET 17:50
RISE 10:27 SET 22:03

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26
RISE 06:23 SET 17:51
RISE 11:12 SET 22:55

THURSDAY, NOV. 27
RISE 06:24 SET 17:51
RISE 11:53 SET 23:47

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	23
Mysuru	29	19
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be slight cool. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be slight cool. Dry weather to prevail.

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Two students die after being hit by Vande Bharat train

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Two nursing students from Kerala were killed after being run over by a Vande Bharat Express train near Chikkabanavara Railway Stationon November 23. The deceased have been identified as Sterin Elza Shaji, 19, and Justin Joseph, 20. The incident occurred around 2.35 p.m. when the Belagavi-bound train was passing through Chikkabanavara, and the duo came under the train, the probe revealed. Police are yet to ascertain whether it is a case of accident or suicide.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

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Sl. No	House Details	No of Units	Plot size in mtr.	Builtup Area in Sq.mtr
1	LIG	50	9.14 x 12.19	99.86
2	MIG	20	9.14 x 15.24	78.95
3	HIG	37	12.19 x 18.29	52.20
Total		107		

Residential Sites

Sl. No	Plots Details	No of Plots	Plot size in mtr.
1	EWS	27	6.10 x 9.14
2	LIG	130	9.14 x 12.19
3	MIG	47	9.14 x 15.24
4	HIG	13	12.19 x 18.29
5	ODD	3	
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Website: www.kiadb.in
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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Amount pledged by the EIB for African renewables projects

2.3 In $ billion. The European Investment Bank (EIB) is pledging more than two billion euros ($2.3 billion) for financing renewable energy projects on the African continent over the next two years. The projects will include hydroelectric, solar and wind power plants. REUTERS

Increase in India's marine sector exports from April to October

16.18 In per cent. India's marine sector exports rose to $4.87 billion during April-October this fiscal mainly on account of healthy growth in non-U.S. markets, including China, Vietnam, Russia, Canada and the U.K., according to Commerce Ministry data. PTI

Time granted by Mozambique to firms to build LNG facilities

30 years. Mozambique has granted its top state-owned companies, including national oil firm ENH, a 30-year concession to build and operate natural gas facilities at the Port of Beira and the smaller Inhassoro site, the government said on Monday. REUTERS

Number of teachers to be recruited by the Tripura government

1,733 Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha said that the State government has initiated the process to recruit 1,733 teachers across various categories to boost the education ecosystem. Around 5,000 people have been appointed on a contractual basis. PTI

Persons booked for involvement in cybercrime in Delhi

95 The Delhi Police has detained 381 people, booked 95 suspects in organised cyber fraud cases and registered 24 FIRs in the Central Delhi district under 'Operation CyHawk' — one of its largest crackdowns on cybercrime — an official said. PTI

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What does the SC's advisory opinion imply?

What were the questions raised by the Presidential reference as a result of a judgment delivered in April 2025? What were the key points delivered by the Supreme Court in its opinion? Should Governors act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers?

EXPLAINER

Rangarajan.R

The story so far:

The Supreme Court has provided its opinion on a Presidential reference made under Article 143. In its opinion, it has largely negated the decision of a two-judge Bench that was delivered in April 2025.

What was the Presidential reference?

The current reference is the result of a two-judge Bench judgment in *State of Tamil Nadu versus Governor of Tamil Nadu* in April 2025, that had specified a timeline of three months for Governors and the President to act on Bills passed by State legislatures. The court held that decisions by Governors and the President on such Bills are subject to judicial review. It had exercised its extraordinary power under Article 142 and granted 'deemed assent' to Bills passed by Tamil Nadu assembly that were not assented to by the Governor.

The present reference had raised 14 questions, primarily surrounding the interpretation of Articles 200 and 201, for the court's opinion. These questions deal with the authority of the courts to prescribe timelines when they are not specified in the Constitution. The government had questioned whether the actions of Governors and the President can be made justiciable at a stage prior to the enactment of a Bill into a law. The reference also sought an opinion on the extent of powers that can be exercised by the Supreme Court under Article 142.

What is the current opinion?

A five-judge Bench of the top Court delivered its opinion on the questions raised. It stated that this reference was a 'functional reference', that strikes at the root of day-to-day functioning of constitutional functionaries and the interplay between State legislature, Governor and the President. Key points of the opinion are summarised below.

The Supreme Court of India. GETTY IMAGES

First, the Governor has three constitutional options under Article 200 when a Bill passed by State legislature is presented for his/her assent, namely to assent, or reserve the Bill for consideration of the President, or withhold assent and return the Bill to legislature with comments. Second, the Governor enjoys discretion in choosing from these three options and is not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. Third, the discharge of functions by the Governor under Article 200 is not justiciable but in case of glaring circumstances of prolonged and unexplained inaction, the court can issue a limited mandamus for the Governor to discharge his/her function on Bills presented. Fourth, in the absence of constitutionally prescribed time limits, the court cannot judicially prescribe timelines for action by the President or Governor. Fifth, the decisions of the President and Governor under Articles 201 and 200 respectively are not justiciable before a Bill is enacted into a law. Finally, the powers of the Supreme Court under Article 142 cannot substitute the powers vested on the President/Governor under the Constitution. Hence, there is no allowance for the concept of 'deemed assent' of Bills.

What are the issues?

The Sarkaria Commission (1987), had opined that it is only the reservation of Bills for consideration of the President, that too under rare cases of patent unconstitutionality, that can be implied as a discretionary power of the Governor. The Supreme Court in various cases including in *Shamsher Singh* (1974) and *Nabam Rebia* (2016), had held that the Governors should act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. However, in the present opinion, the court has interpreted these cases to conclude that actions under Article 200, with respect to a Bill presented for assent, fall under the discretionary powers of the Governor. This has the potential to derail the legislative intent of popularly elected State governments.

With respect to time limits, the Punchhi Commission (2010), had recommended that the Governor should take a decision with respect to a Bill presented for his/her assent within a period of six months. The court in its own judgment in the *K. M. Singh* case (2020), had stipulated a time limit of three months for Speakers to decide on disqualification petitions though no time limit has been prescribed in the Constitution. The verdict of the division bench in the *State of Tamil Nadu* case to provide time limits to Governors and the President was a purposive and progressive interpretation of the Constitution. The current opinion has negated this position.

What can be the way forward?

The underlying disease that has plagued our federal set up has been the politicisation of the gubernatorial post. The Governor acts as an appointee of the Centre for maintaining unity and integrity of the nation. However, federalism is also a basic feature of our Constitution. This opinion should not become an alibi for the Governor's office to thwart the policies of popularly elected houses in the States. The Governors should display responsible urgency in providing assent to Bills passed by State legislatures.

Rangarajan.R is a former IAS officer and author of 'Courseware on Polity Simplified'. He currently trains at 'Officers IAS Academy'. Views expressed are personal.

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Why do infant deaths persist in tribal-dominated Melghat?

How have officials responded to the Bombay High Court's statements?

Snehal Mutha

The story so far:

The Bombay High Court, on November 12, pulled up the Maharashtra and Union governments for an "extremely casual" approach to the disturbing number of infant deaths due to malnutrition in the tribal-dominated region of Melghat in Amravati. During the hearing, a petitioner claimed that from June 2025, 65 infants aged between zero and six months had died due to malnutrition in Melghat, while more than 220 children were in the Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) category, out of which 50% may die if no help is provided.

What is the situation in Melghat?

The issue of infant and maternal deaths due to malnutrition and lack of maternal healthcare has always persisted in Melghat, home to Korku tribal communities, despite three decades of government interventions. Fatalities have fluctuated over the past decade. According to data from the Amravati Zilla Parishad, from April 2024 to March 2025, 96 infants died, and in the last seven months of this year, 61 children have died. Officials from the Zilla Parishad office, however, state that most of these deaths are not just because of malnutrition but other underlying causes such as anaemia, sickle cell disease, pneumonia, delays in treatment due to lack of connectivity, and others. "All these deaths are not because of malnutrition but other issues. We are running a hot food scheme in the Melghat areas, providing eggs and bananas four times a week. We have set up the village child development centre (VCDC) in all gram panchayats to monitor SAM cases," said Amravati ZP Chief Executive Officer, Sanjita Mohapatra, adding that peripheral issues still needed to be addressed. The petitioner argued that even though the cause of death has been recorded as pneumonia or other causes, malnutrition is also a reason.

Maharashtra's Women and Child Welfare Department Minister stated that Poshan tracker data recorded 1,82,443 malnourished children across the State. The Indian Institute of Population Sciences noted that Maharashtra continues to perform poorly on child nutrition, with 35% of children under five stunted and 35% underweight.

What are the challenges?

Peripheral issues that the State government point to include lack of proper roads to reach a hospital in time, inadequate electricity supply to homes, lack of primary healthcare centres, the prevalence of substance abuse and more. According to experts working in Melghat, multiple government departments that execute programmes operate in silos, resulting in inconsistent supplement delivery, irregular monitoring, and weak coordination to sustain policies.

Finding and retaining doctors, including paediatricians, gynaecologists, and other hospital staff members, remains a major challenge as the absconding rate (absent from work) is high. Ms. Mohapatra says that even though salary and incentives have increased, the mindset of doctors remain unchanged. She also pointed out that the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), which is a key indicator of child health, has improved in Melghat to 16.5 while Maharashtra's IMR is 15 as per the Sample Registration System data of 2024-25. Intergenerational malnutrition presents another challenge, as women often enter pregnancy severely underweight and anaemic, leading to low-birth-weight babies, who then have weakened immunity and are vulnerable to infections.

What are expert-approved solutions?

The eradication of malnutrition is not limited to providing mid-day meals or food supplies, say experts. It also involves creating a well-oiled healthcare system, where nutrition is provided for both mothers and children; creating a cadre of ASHA workers with a strong knowledge of health; caring for co-morbidities through health and nutrition programmes; promoting community-centred behavioural change, and developing civic and health infrastructure.

THE GIST

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BWSSB opens wastewater treatment plants to start-ups

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The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has opened its wastewater treatment plants to start-ups developing advanced water recycling technologies, in order to promote innovation under the Brand Bengaluru initiative.

"By allowing start-ups to operate inside functioning treatment plants, the board aims to accelerate research, strengthen circular water practices, and expand the city's recycled water capacity," V. Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB, said.

As the first project under this programme, Boson Whitewater has been granted permission to establish its operations within the Kadubeesanahalli Wastewater Treatment Plant. The company will install its advanced purification systems at its own expense.

The BWSSB will provide access to raw wastewater and assist in linking treated water output to potential buyers, according to officials.

The officials said the model places zero financial burden on the board, while converting the BWSSB facilities into live research and testing grounds.

"The initiative will allow start-ups to assess treatment economics, infrastructure constraints, and commercial viability under real-world conditions," Mr. Manohar said.

Through the Boson's pilot alone, the city is expected to receive around 70,000 litres of high-quality treated water daily.

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OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY NO. TSQ-1179/RDSS/2025-26

Dy. CE/TL(Design), B-1 Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites E-tenders for Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Testing, Laying & Commissioning of 66 kV single core XLPE (Aluminum Conductor) U/G Cable along with accessories on Turnkey Basis for the works as per PSPCL Specification No. TSQ-1179/RDSS/2025-26. For detailed NIT and Tender Specification please refer to **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 21.11.2025 from 11.00 AM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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YELAHANKA TALUK TAHSILDAR'S COURT

Yelahanka Taluk Office, Yelahanka

Case No: LND/JALA/CR/20, 38/2018-19 **Date: 21-11-2025**

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby notified to the concerned persons that a fresh survey of the land measuring 2-28 guntes out of the 6-07 a/gunte land in Survey No.175, New Survey No. 416, Bagaluru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, has been directed to be conducted again as explained in the daily order of the Hon'ble High Court in Contempt of Court Case No. C.C.C.251/2024 dated: 12/11/2025. Accordingly, the said land has been fixed for measurement on 10/12/2025 at 10-00 A.M. The interested parties having interest or right in the said land are requested to be present at the place in person with the documents/purchse deeds of the land in possession of the above survey number. And requested to present till the completion of the survey work and to cooperate with the Taluk Surveyors and Revenue Officers during the survey work. The Villagers and other public are requested to inform about the survey work by telephone if the purchasers in possession of the said land are not residing in the village.

Date: 21/11/2025 **Sd/- Tahsildar,**
Place: Yelahanka DIPR/CP/4000/2025-26 **Yelahanka Taluk, Yelahanka**

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
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OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I / II

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT 2)

Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
Debt. Recovery Tribunal - II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor, Telephone House,
Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pin Code - 560 001.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULES 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC / 146 / 2025
IN OA No. 975 / 2022

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
Versus
M/s. MYSURU PERFUMERIES AND FLAVOURS PVT. LTD. & ANOTHER

In the Matter Of :
(CH) Punjab National Bank
Interlia Branch Office At No. 123/C, Dewans Road Branch,
Devaraj Urs Road, Mysore - 570024.
Represented through its Stresses Assets Targeted
Resolution and Action (Sastra), Raheja Tower, No. 26-27,
M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001. Karnataka.

... Certificate Holder

V/s
(CD-1) M/s. Mysuru Perfumeries and Flavours Private Limited
A Company Having its Office At No. 170/1, 2nd Main, Yadavagiri,
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(CD-2) Sri. Mohan Kumar .M.S. S/o. Siddalingaswamy .L
No. 195, 7th Cross, 3rd Main, 15 F Last Bus Stop, Kumarswamy Layout,
J.P. Nagar, Bangalore - 560078. Karnataka

... Certified Debtor

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the **Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-2) in OA.975/2022** an amount of **Rs. 27,66,041.00 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Six Thousand and Forty One Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 9.40 % simple Interest **w.e.f. 17-06-2022** till realization in full and costs of **Rs. 62,804/- (Rupees Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Four Only)** has become due jointly, severally and personally from the Certificate Debtor.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. In addition to the sum of aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date **30-04-2025.**

RECOVERY OFFICER - II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 2)

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below :

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.

I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/5054-SH Bridge/2025-26/3163
Dated:24.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) 1 work, As per standard bid documents KW- 4 with 5054 SH Bridge head of account costing of amount for Rs. 300.00 Lakhs, the EMD amount of Rs**. 4,50,000/-** for the work. Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows 1) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date- 29.12.2025 at 4:30 PM 2) Opening of Technical Bid Date-30.12.2025 at 4:31 PM 4) Opening of Financial Bid Date- 31.12.2025 at 11.00Am. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 919240214000 & 919240214001) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Vijayapur

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client, **Mr. Mahaveer Mehta,** intends to purchase all the piece and parcel of property bearing No. 8 (Old No. 165/A), presently bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike E-Aasthi Property Khatha No. 165/A-8, New PID No. 2244850712, measuring North to South 40 Feet and East to West 42 Feet, measuring 1680 Square Feet, along with an approach road running from east to west from the house to Sri Krishnarajendra Road, measuring North to South 6 Feet and East to West 72 Feet, purchased from the Government of Mysore, measuring 432 Square Feet, totally measuring 2112 Square Feet, situated at **Old Veterinary Hospital Road, Yediyur, Basavangundi, Bangalore**, from its present owners (i) Mr. Sunilkumar Khimsura and (ii) Mr. S. Tilokchand Dhariwal. It is further informed that the following original documents pertaining to the aforementioned property are misplaced:

1. Deed of Absolute Sale dated 15.05.1949, executed by Mr. M. S. Ganesa Aiyar son of Mr. Sundarappa Aiyar, in favour of Mr. N. L. Krishnaswamy son of Mr. N. Lakshminarasimhaiya, registered as Document No. 3888/1948-49, at Pages 104 - 110 , in Volume No. 1013, of Book - I, before the Office of the Jurisdictional Sub-Registrar;
2. Deed of Gift dated 17.08.1956, executed by Mr. N. L. Krishnaswami son of Mr. N. Lakshminarasimhaiya, in favour of Mrs. Ananta Lakshmi wife of Mr. Adiseshan, registered as Document No. 2944/1956-57, at Pages 245 to 248, in Volume No. 1526, of Book - I, before the Office of the Jurisdictional Sub-Registrar;
3. Endorsement dated 05.12.1956, bearing No. 38K.T.R.185/1956-57, issued by the Corporation of Bangalore, directing that the Khatha of the House bearing No. 165/A in VIIth Block (Old Veterinary Hospital Road) is transferred to the name of Mrs. Ananta Lakshmi Adiseshan daughter of Mr. N. Lakshminarasimhaiya;
4. General Power of Attorney dated 24.04.2009, executed by Mrs. Ananthalakshmi Adiseshan wife of late Mr. R. Adiseshan, in favour of Mr. Ashok Adiseshan son of late Mr. R. Adiseshan, registered as Document No. BSG-4-00011/2009-10, stored in CD No. BSGD118, of Book - IV, before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavangudi, Bangalore;
5. Revocation of General Power of Attorney dated 20.01.2011, executed by Mrs. Ananthalakshmi Adiseshan wife of late Mr. R. Adiseshan, in favour of Mr. Ashok Adiseshan son of late Mr. R. Adiseshan, registered as Document No. BSG-4-00167/2010-11, stored in CD No. BSGD139, of Book - IV, before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavangudi, Bangalore;
6. General Power of Attorney dated 20.01.2011, executed by Mrs. Ananthalakshmi Adiseshan wife of late Mr. R. Adiseshan, in favour of Ms. Malati Iyer daughter of late Mr. R. Adiseshan, registered as Document No. BSG-4-00168/2010-11, stored in CD No. BSGD139, of Book - IV, before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavangudi, Bangalore;
7. Unregistered Agreement for Sale dated 19.03.2011, executed by Mrs. Ananthalakshmi wife of late Mr. R. Adiseshan, in favour of Mr. D. Prabhakar son of late Mr. B. G. Dasanna.

The above documents have not been mortgaged/pledged as collateral security and the present owners are not in a position to trace the said original documents. Mr. Sunilkumar Khimsura had also lodged complaint on 21.11.2025, bearing **E-Lost Report No. 1914897/2025** before the Bangalore City police about the aforesaid loss.

Persons having or in possession of the aforementioned documents or having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, NEERAJ Sumati Roy, d/o Som Neeraj Roy, r/o 201, G25 Tower, Sandeep Vihar, AWHO, Whitefield– Hoskote Road, Kannamangala, Bangalore– 560067 have changed my name from Neeraj Sumati Roy to Sumati Roy for passport and all purposes vide affidavit dated 21.11.25.

I, PREETHI Ajay, R/a No.11, 5th Main, 6th cross, Next to Amar Nursing Home, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018 have changed my name to Preethi Ajay Kumar Bafna vide affidavit dt: 22.11.2025 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, J. Guna Joycy wife of Zakir Khan, No. 7, 9th Main, 12th Cross, Pillanna Garden 3rd Stage, Sonappa Block, Bengaluru - 560045, do hereby state that I have renounced the Christianity Religion on my own accord, free will and without any force or coercion from anybody or whatsoever and I have accepted Islam as my new religion and faith. I hereby state that I have changed my name from J. Guna Joycy to Fathima Zohra. Henceforth I shall be hereinafter known and called as Fathima Zohra and the same has been duly sworn before the Notary public Meer Hassan, Bengaluru vide Affidavit dated 17/11/2025

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUNDARA Rama Reddy Vignesh Ramaiah Reddy, R/a No.136/24, Srinivasa Nilaya, Kaikondarahalli, Sarjapura Road, Carmelaram Post, Bangalore-560035 have changed my name to Vignesh Ramaiah Reddy vide affidavit dt: 22.11.2025 sowrn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

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TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders (https://etenders.kerala.gov.in) are invited for the Supply of IMFL Label (750 ML) for the year 2025-2026. **E-tender Id-: 2025_TSC_821019_1**. Last Date of Submission is - **27.11.2025 at 4.00 PM**.

For more details contact office / website.

Thiruvalla Sd/-
20.11.2025 **GM (i/c)**

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NO. VSKUB/CEMARF/KMERC/Tender/2025-26/2963
Date:14.11.2025

Brief Tender Notification
(Through e-procurement only) Call-2

Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University invites Tenders Call 2 from eligible Tenderers for Sl.No:01) Supply and Installation of Equipments to Center of Excellence for Multidisciplinary Advanced Research Facility (CEMARF) for Upgradation of Sri Krishnadevaraya University , Ballari under CEPMIZ plan of K.M.E.R.C.Works Call-2 : Rs. 2,36,08,600/- (including GST). The detail notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by login on the website kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The other details can be collected from the undersigned.

Sd/- Registrar, Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University Ballari-583105.

DIPR/Ballari/693/KSMCA/2025-26

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2 AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

CASE No.: O.A. No. 188 / 2022

Between :
Punjab National Bank
(Erstwhile OBC Branch), Devanahally, No. 157, 3029/2748/1,
Lakshman Layout, Suliba Bangalore - 562110.
Represented by its Senior Managar Sri. Nagaraja. **... Applicant**
And :
M/s. Nature Interiors, No. 02, N. Nagenahalli Road,
N. Nagenahalli, Kothanur Post, Bengaluru Urban.
Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Somashekar
Also At : Mr. Somashekar, R/at No. 33, Chelidere,
Andhra Muniyappa Layout, Kalyanagar, Bangalore - 560043.
PAN No. : ESQPS3599C

... Respondent

ISSUE SUMMONS UNDER SECTION 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19(1) of the Recovery of Debts due to Bank and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for Recovery a Sum **Rs. 21,52,150/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on the date of **26-12-2025 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or why a Pleader / Advocate duly instituted as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day **20-11-2025.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar, DRT II, Bangalore

To,
(1) M/s. Nature Interiors, No. 02, N. Nagenahalli Road,
N. Nagenahalli, Kothanur Post, Bengaluru Urban.
Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Somashekar.
Also At : Mr. Somashekar, R/at No. 33, Chelidere,
Andhra Muniyappa Layout, Kalyanagar, Bangalore - 560043. **... Defendants**

Government of India
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services Debt Recovery Tribunal - II, Karnataka (Bengaluru)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road
Bengaluru Pincode -560 001

RC/357/2022 FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D. Dasti Failing which by Publication

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
MUTHAMMA & ANOTHER

To
(CHB) UNION BANK OF INDIA
Channapatna Branch
No 2191 4 10, B M Road
Kuvempunagar Channapatna Taluk
Ramanagara-562 160

... Certificate Holder

(CD 1) MUTHAMMA
W/o Late Chaluvaiah
Ambadahalli Village, Virupakshipura Hobli
Channapatna Taluk
Ramanagara,-562160
(CD 2) SMT BHAGYAMMA
Yelethotadahalli, Virupakshipura Hobli
Channapatna Taluk
Ramanagara,-562160

..... Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in **OA/1830/2018** an amount of **Rs 1595603.00 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Five Thousands Six Hundred Three Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 12.60% Compound interest yearly w.e.f. **01/11/2018** and cost till realization of **Rs.83775/- (Rupees Eighty Three Thousands Seven Hundred Seventy Five Only)** has become due from against you (Jointly and Severally/ Fully/ Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this
Date 18-01-2023.

Sd/- Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT 2)

You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly.

The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars where from the recovery of the debt is to be made.

TAMIL NADU ZARI LIMITED
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ORIKKAI, KANCHEEPURAM - 631 502

TENDER PUBLISHING NOTICE

E-tender has been published in Tamilnadu Government e-tender Portal "**https://tntenders.gov.in**" for Purchase of Silver Thread from manufacturers.

Approximate Quantity	:	**800 Kgs**
Conditions	:	As Stipulated in Tender Schedule available in the above web portal.
Bid Upload Starting Date & Time	:	**4.00 P.M** on **26.11.2025**
Last date & Time of Bid upload	:	Upto **10.30 A.M** on **11.12.2025**
Opening of Bids online	:	At **11.15 A.M** on **11.12.2025**

Managing Director
(Tender Inviting Authority)
Tamil Nadu Zari Ltd.,
Kancheepuram

Place : Kancheepuram
Date : 22.11.2025 DIPR/ 6292 /TENDER/2025

IN COURT OF THE IIIrd ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI

OS. No. 325/2017

BETWEEN : U YESHWARDHAN REDDY and another **...Plaintiff**
AND : M/S Prabhavathi Group, A partnership firm rep its Managing Director Sir B Praveen Kumar and others **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO. 1 and 12
UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (G) OF CPC 1908 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, **Defendant No. 1 and 12**
D1. M/S Prabhavathi Group A partnership firm Having its registered office at: #80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Vysya Bank Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sanga Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560-076
Represented by its Managing Director: Mr. B.E. Praveen Kumar, Aged about 33 years, Son of Mr BC Ekarnbaram, #105, 9th Main, SR Naidu Layout, Opp. to Golden Park Apartments, Hongasandra Bangalore-560-068
D12. Mr. Rajesh K. Chanchal, Aged about 33 years, Residing at Flat No.T-7, Prabhavathi Palm Apartments Kadanganahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560 064.

Whereas the plaintiffs have filed the above Suit against defendants for the Relief of Declaration and Permanent injunction with the Consequential relief against the defendant. Hence you are hereby notice to appear in this Hon'ble court in person or through counsel **on 18th day of December 2025 at 11 A.M** to answer the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to reply in support of your defense.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.06 (Western Portion), Katha No 1289-1289/01, New No. 1766/1277/1289/02 and Site No.05, Katha No. 1288-1288/-1. New No 1757/1276/1288/01 in layout known as 'Prestige Enclave' in converted land measuring 10 Acres, in Sy. No.66 (Old No.23), Katha No.78 (vide conversion order bearing No.B.DIS ALN SR (N) 60/88-89 dated 23.04.1989 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kadaganahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and measuring East 104 Feet 08 Inches, West: 106 Feet, North: 99 Feet 08 Inches and South: 99 Feet 08 Inches, totally measuring 10,499 Sq. Ft and bounded on :- East by: Portion of Site No.06 belonging to Mr. R. Sathyanarayan Prasad and also known as Mr. Satya Rangaswamy, West by: Site No. 04, North by: 40 Feet Road, South by : Private Property

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No S-1 in Second Floor, having super built up area of 850 sq. ft with an undivided 233 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 toilets cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule A Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by: Corridor, West by: Private Property, North by: Road Facing, South by : Flat No.S-2.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. S-2 in Second Floor, having super built up areas 850 sq. ft with an undivided 233 square feet of share, right title and interest in the and land hall, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 toilets cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors wood water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by: Corridor, West by: Private Property, North by : Flat No.S-1, South by: Flat No.S-3.

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.S-7 in Second Floor, having super built up area of 1035 sq ft with an undivided 271 square feet of share, right title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 toilets cum bathrooms, with one car parking being the part of the apartment building known as Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by: Private Property, West by : Corridor, North by: Flat No.S-8, South by : Corridor.

Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.S-9 in Second Floor, having super built up areas of 710 sq ft with an undivided 186 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land. 1 hall kitchen, 1 bedroom, 1 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking on the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by : Corridor, West by: Flat No.S-10, North by : Road Facing, South by : Flat No S-7.

Item No.5: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.T-1 in Third Floor, having super built up area of 850 sq. ft with an undivided 233 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 toilets cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by : Corridor, West by: Private Property, North by: Road Facing, South by : Flat No.T-2.

Item No.6 : All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.T-3 in Third Floor, having super built up area of 1120 sq ft with an undivided 293 square feet of share, right title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 toilets cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as Prabhavathi Palm in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc, and bounded as follows :- East by : Flat No.T-4, West by : Private Property, North by : Flat No.T-2, South by: Private Property.

Item No.7: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.T-6 in Third Floor, having super built up areas 860 sq. ft with an undivided 225 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 toilets cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated is the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by: Private Property, West by : Flat No.T-5, North by: Corridor, South by: Private Property.

Item No.8: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.T-7 in Third Floor, having super built up area of 1035 sq ft with an undivided 271 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedrooms 2 toilets cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete black masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows:- East by: Private Property, West by : Corridor, North by : Flat No.T-8, South by : Corridor.

Item No.9: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.T-8 in Third Floor, having super built up area of 1035 sq ft with an undivided 271 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 toilets cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows:- East by : Private Property, West by : Corridor, North by: Flat No.T-8, South by: Corridor.

Item No.10 : All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.T-9 in Third Floor, having super built up area of 710 sq. ft with an undivided 186 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 1 bedroom, 1 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by : Corridor, West by: Flat No.T-10, North by : Road Facing, South by : Open Space.

Item No.11 : All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. G-1 in Ground Floor, having a super built up area of 850 sq ft with an undivided 233 square feet of share, right title and interest and.1 hall kitchen, 2 bedroom 2 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the floor being the part of the apartment building known as Prabhavathi Palm situated the Schedule A Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, mal door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows: East by : Corridor, West by: Private Property, North by: Road Facing, South by: Flat No.G-2.

Item No.12: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.G-6 in Ground Floor, having super built up area of 860 sq ft with an undivided 225 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedroom, 2 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by : Private Property, West by: Flat No.G-5, North by: Corridor, South by: Private Property.

Item No.13: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. * In Ground Floor, having super built up area of 1035 sq ft with an undivided 271 square feet of share, right title and interest in the land, I hall kitchen, 2 bedroom, 2 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as Prabhavathi Palm situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follow :- East by : Private Property, West by : Corridor, North by : Road Facing, South by : Flat No G-7.

Item No. 14: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.F-3 in First Floor, having super built up area of 1120 sq. ft with an undivided 293 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 3 bedroom, 2 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows:- East by : Flat No.F-4, West by: Private Property, North by : Flat No F-2, South by : Private Property.

Item No.15: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.F-4 in First Floor, having super built up area of 985 sq. ft with an undivided 258 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land, 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedroom, 2 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by: Flat No.F-5, West by : Flat No.F-3, North by: Corridor, South by: Private Property.

Item No.16: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.F-5 in First Floor, having super built up area of 860 sq.ft with an undivided 225 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the lard 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedroom, 2 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as "Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows:- East by: Flat No.F-6, West by: Flat No.F-4, North by : Corridor, South by: Private Property.

Item No.17: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.F-6 in First Floor, having super built up area of 860 sq.ft with an undivided 225 square feet of share, right, title and interest in the land 1 hall kitchen, 2 bedroom, 2 toilet cum bathrooms, with one car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Palm' situated in the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door teak frame and steam breach veneer flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows :- East by : Private Property, West by : Flat No F-5, North by: Corridor, South by : Private Property.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY

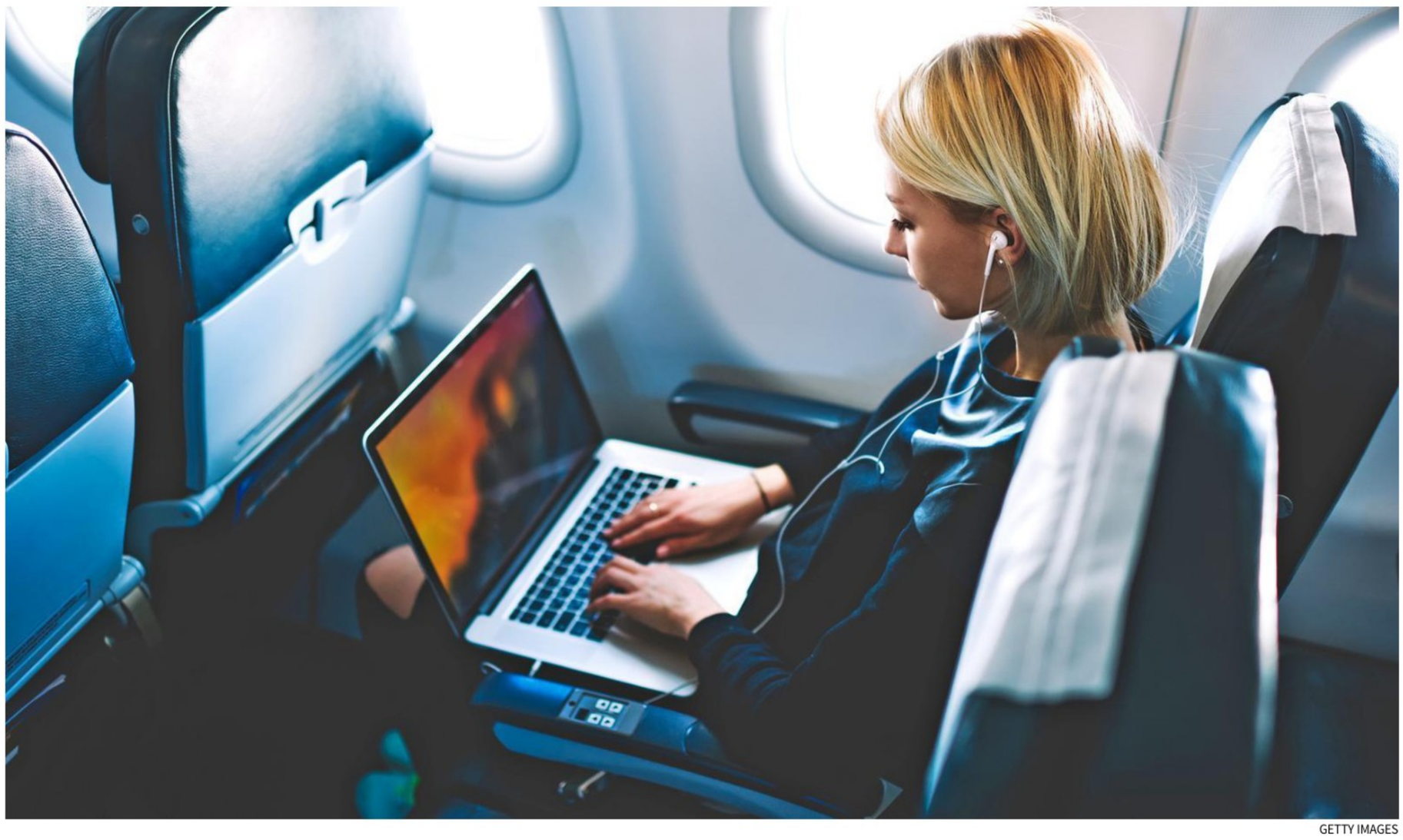
All that piece and parcel of 4092 square feet of undivided share, right and interest in the property bearing Site No.06 (Western Portion). Katha No.1289-1289/01. New No. 1766/1277/1289/02 and Site No.05, Katha No.1288-1288/-1. New No. 1757/1276/1288/01 in layout known as 'Prestige Enclave' in converted land measuring 10 Acres, in Sy No.66 (Old No.23), Katha No.78 (vide conversion order bearing No.B.DIS. ALN SR (N) 60/88-89 dated 23.04.1989 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner. Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kadaganahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and measuring East: 104 Feet 08 Inches, West. 106 Feet, North: 99 Feet 08 Inches and South: 99 Feet 08 Inches, totally measuring 10,499 Sq. Ft and bounded on :- East by : Portion of Site No. 06 belonging to Mr. R. Sathyanarayan Prasad and also known as Mr. Satya Rangaswamy, West by : Site No.04, North by: 40 Feet Road, South by: Private Property.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, on 18th day of November 2025.

By Order of Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge and J.M.F.C. Court, Devanahalli.

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF : **C S SATISH KUMAR,** Advocate and Consultant
2nd Floor, Lakshmi Complex, Shanthinagara South, NH 207, Devanahalli Town-562110.

BUILDING BLOCKS



GETTY IMAGES

How are passengers able to access the Internet on aeroplanes?

In-flight Internet has become a standard service on commercial flights, utilising air-to-ground and satellite systems to meet growing passenger demand for connectivity while navigating technical and regulatory challenges

Vasudevan Mukunth

Passenger Internet on aeroplanes used to be rare in the 2010s but has become almost commonplace today. On most flights, the basic idea is that the whole aeroplane is treated like a flying Wi-Fi router that connects to the rest of the Internet through a long backhaul link. This means your phone or laptop never talks directly to the ground. Instead it talks to a Wi-Fi access point inside the cabin, which then sends your data out of the aircraft via radio links.

How is the backhaul setup?

The backhaul link these days comes in two main forms: air-to-ground (ATG) and via satellite. In the ATG system, the aeroplane connects to special cellular-like towers on the ground. These towers have antennae pointing up at the sky. The plane's antennae – often mounted on the underside – maintains a radio link with whichever tower is currently in range ('radio link' just means they send and receive electromagnetic signals in the radio frequency range, 3-3,000,000,000 kHz). As the plane flies, the ATG system hands off the connection from one tower to the next, similar to how your phone switches between cell towers if you're on a call in a moving vehicle.

Obviously this arrangement works well over land, where there's a dense coverage of towers, but fails over oceans, deserts, and in polar areas – all places with fewer or no towers. This is where satellites help.

Satellite systems are more flexible because they don't care whether an aeroplane is over land or water. In this system, the aeroplane uses a dish or phased-array antenna, usually inside a bespoke hump-shaped structure on top of the fuselage, that's pointed towards the sky. This antenna will transmit data to a satellite in orbit, which will relay the data to a ground station connected to the regular Internet.

Historically, these satellites have been in geostationary orbit, which is a circular orbit 35,786 km above sea level. This means, even at the speed of light, there's a noticeable data latency. A signal round-trip time of several hundred milliseconds is common. Newer systems use satellite constellations that are located in low-earth orbit, that is, 150-2,000 km above sea level. Since these satellites are much closer to ground stations, the latency is lower. Sometimes they also allow for higher bandwidth if the aeroplane's antennae can track fast-moving satellites and hand off between them.

How are connections provided to users?

Inside the aeroplane, the connectivity network resembles that in a small office. There's a central server or router, a satellite or ATG modem, and several Wi-Fi access points distributed through the cabin. When you connect, your device joins this local Wi-Fi network. A captive portal page appears in your browser where you either pay, log in with a frequent-flyer account or accept some terms of use. Once you're authenticated, the onboard network will start forwarding your traffic over the ATG or satellite link.

The airline or provider can shape or in many ways filter this traffic, and often does. For instance, providers may block high-bitrate video streaming or VoIP calls, force images to be compressed, and aggressively cache web pages to load faster over the constrained data link.

The in-flight bandwidth is almost always lower than home broadband connections and it's also shared among everyone on board. If a single satellite beam is serving multiple aircraft at once, they may all be competing for the same capacity. This is why performance varies so much between flights, routes, times of day, and providers. More sophisticated networks try to manage this challenge by dynamically allocating bandwidth and upgrading to higher-throughput satellites or satellite constellations. Even then the basic constraints of limited spectrum, distance, and shared use remain.

Don't signals interfere with operations?

When cabin crew ask you to switch your phone off for take-off and landing and to use 'airplane mode' the rest of the time, they're mainly trying to eliminate lots of uncontrolled radio transmitters inside the cabin. A phone whose mobile (that is, cellular) radio is on does several things that are awkward for both aviation and telecom regulators. It periodically 'shouts' loudly in radio terms, scans across multiple bands to find towers, and maintains a connection. In a cabin with a couple hundred phones, that creates a messy blast of radio noise at unpredictable times and frequencies – much like a noisy playground. In the worst-case scenario, some of that energy could be very close to the frequencies aeroplane radios, sensors and navigation beacons use.

While contemporary aeroplanes are well-shielded and the actual risk is very low, regulators prefer a conservative approach that minimises known unknowns.

Further, a plane full of phones talking directly to towers on the ground still moves quickly and is visible to many towers at once. These quirks can confuse handover algorithms and overuse capacity in the cellular network. This is why telecommunications rules in many places explicitly forbid phones from connecting to terrestrial mobile networks at cruising altitude, and 'airplane mode' is a simple way to comply.

To its advantage, passenger Internet uses equipment that's part of the aircraft's certified systems. The Wi-Fi access points inside the cabin and the satellite or ATG radios that link the aeroplane to the outside world are all installed and tested together with the avionics. The engineers who design them also pick frequencies that are well separated from the bands that critical onboard systems use and design the antennae and cabling to minimise signal 'leaks'. They're also expected to prove (through testing) that none of these systems can fail in a way that also destabilises the aeroplane.

Taken together the in-flight Internet apparatus addresses the radio interference risks differently from how individual cellphones do, quelling regulators' anxieties while allowing you to stay online.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Bollywood actor Dharmendra passed away on Monday. Here is a quiz on one of the most well-known, successful actors in Hindi cinema

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

For several of his on-screen roles in Hindi films, what was Dharmendra fondly called?

QUESTION 2

This 1962 Hindi war-drama film proved to be a major critical and commercial success for Dharmendra. The film had a superhero song, sung by Mohammed Rafi, "Kar Chale Ham Fida". Name the film.

QUESTION 3

In which film in 1971 (considered as Raj Kapoor's magnum opus) did Dharmendra play a supporting role? This film attained a cult status in the following years.

QUESTION 4

Vijay Anand's romantic thriller *Blackmail* was an unsuccessful venture, critically and commercially, but reception later improved, with many calling it one of Anand's most underrated works. Which song from the film featuring Dharmendra and Rakhee was a chartbuster and remains popular in modern culture?

QUESTION 5

When Dharmendra received the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award, which actor remarked, "Whenever I get to meet with God Almighty, I will set before him my only complaint—why did you not make me as handsome as Dharmendra"?

Visual question:
Identify this film from the image. Which is the song associated with the image?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Salilda went underground here after arrest warrants were issued for his support to the peasant movement. **Ans: Sunderbans**
2. This composition was inspired by Mozart's 40th Symphony. **Ans: 'Itna Na Mujhse Tu Pyar Badha' for the film *Chhaya***
3. Salida became a household name in Kerala for his superb work in this film. **Ans: *Chemmeen***
4. In this song in *Half Ticket,* Kishore Kumar croons in both male and female voices. **Ans: 'Aake Seedhi Lagi Dil Pe'**
5. This popular filmmaker once remarked 'He can play almost any instrument he lays his hands on, from the tabla to the sarod, from the piano to the piccolo'. **Ans: Raj Kapoor**
Visual: Name this Bimal Roy classic. **Ans: *Do Bigha Zameen***
Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan| Sunil Madhavan| Sudhir Thapa| Soumendra Banerjee| Balakrishnan Narayanan

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

What does 'to have egg on one's face mean'? (N. C. Veerachari, Hyderabad)
This is an informal expression mainly used in British English. When you have egg on your face, you are made to look foolish or feel embarrassed because of something that you have done. For example, the latest scandal has left the President with egg on his face. Rahul went around telling everyone that he would win the tournament. He lost in the first round. Now he has egg on his face. Gopa went around telling everyone that Sunita would definitely marry him. A week ago, she ran away with another man. Poor Gopa has egg on his face.

What is the meaning of 'do not look a gift horse in the mouth'? (M. Ratnaji Rao, Vishakapatnam)
This idiomatic expression means do not try to find fault with something that has been given to you as a gift. In other words, don't complain about a gift that you have received. Here are a few examples. My friend Mohan complained about the second-hand cycle that his aunt had bought him. I told him not to look a gift horse in the mouth. Don't complain about the house that your father-in-law has bought for your wife. You shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth. Bala always complains about the gifts I give him. He shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth.

What is the difference between 'breakfast' and 'tiffin'? (Somasundara, Vijayanagar, Mysore)
'Tiffin' is a word that is seldom used by native speakers of English. In fact, some dictionaries do not even include this word. Even within India, this word seems to be more popular in the South than in the North. Dictionaries define 'tiffin' as 'a light meal – lunch'. In India however, a tiffin refers to a light meal which can be eaten at any time of the day. For example, we have hotels serving tiffin early in the morning. One often hears a person saying that he had a 'light tiffin' early in the evening. 'Breakfast', on the other hand, is the first meal of the day and it is always eaten in the morning.

Is it correct to say 'Even in the twilight years of his life, he worked like a Trojan horse'? (Thomas Eapen, Red Hills, Hyderabad)
What the writer probably meant to say was '...he worked like a Trojan' and not a 'Trojan horse'. There is a big difference in meaning between the two words. When you say that someone works like a Trojan it means he works really hard. For example, our new Chairman works like a Trojan. Unlike the word Trojan, the word 'Trojan horse' has a very negative meaning. A 'Trojan horse' is a person or a thing that enters something secretly in order to attack it. The union members suspect the Management of using Rahul as a Trojan horse to break the strike.

During the war with Troy, the Greeks built a gigantic wooden horse and hid some soldiers inside it. The unsuspecting Trojans dragged the horse into the city of Troy. At night, the Greek soldiers who were hiding inside the horse opened the gates to the city of Troy. The Greek army entered the city and burnt it.

Published in The Hindu on October 6, 1998.

Word of the day

Filibuster:

a legislator who gives long speeches in an effort to delay or obstruct legislation that they oppose; a tactic for delaying or obstructing legislation by making long speeches; obstruct deliberately by delaying

Usage: *They engaged in a filibuster that lasted for over a month.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/filibusterpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈfɪlɪbʌstə(ɹ)/

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Outage today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Several neighbourhoods in the city will face a power outage on Tuesday due to emergency maintenance work. Electricity supply will be interrupted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It will affect large parts of west Bengaluru, including Manjunath Nagar, Thimmiah Road, Bhovi Colony, Mahaganapati Nagar, Pushpanjali Apartment, Shivanahalli Park, Adarsh Nagar, Adarsh Layout, Unix Colony, Indira Nagar, H.V.K. Layout, Karnataka Layout, Kamala Nagar,Mahalakshmi Puram, J.C. Nagar, Rajajinagar 2nd Block, MICO Layout, and surrounding areas.

Stadium stampede: High Court dismisses DNA Network's plea

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has dismissed a petition filed by DNA Entertainment Networks Private Limited as the State government has told the court that no action would be taken, based on the report of the Commission of Inquiry, without giving an opportunity of hearing to the DNA in the case of stampede that occurred outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4.

Panel report

"Considering the specific stand of the State, the apprehension of the petitioner that without an opportunity of being heard, an action would be taken against it on the basis of the report [of the commission], does not survive. We find that no further orders are required," said a Division Bench, comprising Justice D.K. Singh and Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju, in its order.

"The report [of the commission] dated July 10, 2025, cannot be set aside on mere apprehensions and assumptions," the Bench said as it was pointed to the court that the report of the commission is not made public yet and the DNA has assumed, based on the newspaper reports, that there are adverse remarks against it in the report.

'Afterthought attempt'

The petition was filed "as an afterthought attempt" to avoid any action on the basis of the recommendation made by the commission of Inquiry, the Bench noted, as the State government had pointed out that DNA is challenging the report of the commission by assuming the contents of the report.

Fact-finding body

The Bench also noted that the government's submission that the commission of Inquiry was "only a fact-finding body and the scope of inquiry of the commission was not against the conduct of any individual/entity and was only to comprehensively and objectively enquire into the incident as a whole, so as to ascertain the facts leading to such tragedy." As many as 11 persons died and more than 50 persons were injured in the stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium when fans had gathered for the celebration of the victory of the Royal Challengers Bengaluru team in the IPL-2025 cricket tournament.

ED raids three online gaming firms; freezes accounts with over ₹523 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

One complainant reported losing over ₹3 crore, claiming systematic cheating and irresponsible gaming practices.

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) raided three online gaming companies in Bengaluru, Delhi, and Gurugram between November 18 and 22, and froze accounts with over ₹523 crore.

Following raids on WinZO Games Pvt. Ltd. that operated real-money gaming services through the WinZO app, the ED froze ₹505 crore worth of suspected proceeds of crime, including bank balances, bonds, fixed deposits, and mutual funds, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

The ED said that it found that the WinZO continued operating real-money games in foreign markets such as the U.S., Brazil, and Germany, using the same platform as India- even after the nationwide ban on RMGs took effect on August 22, 2025. The company reportedly held ₹43 crore belonging to players without refunding. The probe further revealed that the WinZO allowed customers to unknowingly play against computer algorithms rather than real players, while also restricting withdrawals, the ED said. The ED alleges that the company earned proceeds of crime by exploiting users through these practices.

A probe has uncovered diversion of Indian funds to overseas entities. Around ₹489.90 crore was traced to a U.S. bank account operated under the WinZO U.S. Inc., which officials described as a shell company controlled from India.

In another case, following raids on premises linked to Nirdesa Networks Pvt. Ltd. (NNPL), Gameskraft Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (GTPL), the ED froze eight escrow bank accounts holding approximately ₹18.57 crore, suspected to be proceeds of crime.

The ED initiated the probe based on an FIR filed by the Karnataka Police alleging large-scale fraud by the Pocket52, an online gaming platform operated by the NNPL. The complaint accused the platform of manipulating game outcomes, player collusion, technical glitches, restricting withdrawals, and suppressing transparency features like hand history.

One complainant reported losing over ₹3 crore, claiming systematic cheating and irresponsible gaming practices.

During the PMLA investigation, the ED claimed to have found numerous user complaints pointing to manipulation and exploitation by the platform. The officials seized mobile phones, laptops, and other electronic devices from the directors and founders, along with voluminous data backups from the GTPL. Despite the ban on real-money games , the company reportedly retained over ₹30 crore in escrow accounts without refunding players, the ED alleged.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has entered into an Oral Agreement of sale with **Sri.Chethan Kumar Kota Muniraja and others** for purchase of the below mentioned Schedule property and that **Kota Venkataramaiah and Sri.V.Muniraja** purchased the Schedule property from Smt.M.S.Suguna Satish through a sale deed duly registered on 30.06.1994 vide Doc. No.963/94-95 in Book I Vol.1743 at pages 184-191 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore and that **Smt. M.S.Suguna Satish** purchased the Schedule property from **Smt.Vijayamma and others** (Wife and children of Late M.Anantharam Iyengar) through a Sale deed dated 06.04.1991 vide Doc.No.69/91-92 in Book I, Vol.1438 at pages 12-28 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore. That the General Power of Attorney issued by **Mrs.Meera Prasanna** daughter of Late M.Anantharam Iyengar in favour of Mr.Kishan Prasad registered on 13.02.1991, vide Document No. 445, Book-1, Volume 2780, at Pages 62-64, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, at Delhi mentioned in Sale deed dated 06.04.1991 as Sl.No.12 vendor and the General Power of Attorney executed by **Mrs.Jayanthi Krishnan** daughter of Late M.Anantharam Iyengar in favour of **Mr.Kishan Prasad** executed before the Consulate General of India at Dubai(UAE) mentioned in Sale deed dated 06.04.1991 as Sl.No.13 Vendor are lost/missing.

Any person/s/ Authority objecting the sale of the Schedule Property or in possession of the Schedule Property through any method of conveyance such as Sale agreement or either through Mortgage or any other claim or ancestral claim, or holding the above mentioned General Power of Attorney 's shall intimate the same or may write to the Undersigned if they have any claim on the Schedule Property or in any manner what so ever within **Fifteen days** from the date of this publication and any objections, claims received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my clients will proceed thereafter as if there are no claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential House property bearing Old No.56, New Corporation No.55/14, Later Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike No.55/1/14, situated at Wilson Garden, III Main Road, 7th Cross, PID No.62-111-14, New Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.145- Hombegowda Nagar, New BBMP property E.P.I.D No.4725366342, Bangalore measuring

East to West : 40 Feet, And
North to South : 50 Feet
In all measuring : 2000 Square Feet,
and is bounded on the :
East by : 7th Cross Road,
West by : Private Property No.55/15,
North by : 3rd Main Road,
South by : Private Property

It consists of a residential building with RCC roofing, mosaic Flooring, Jungle woods and Doors and windows with all civic amenities.

Smt. Gayathri. S. Acharya,
M.Com, LLB, Advocate,
No.630, 14th Cross, J.P.Nagar I Phase,
Bangalore -560078, Mobile No.9845124134
Dated : 25.11.2025 Place : Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to general public that my clients, **Devaraj U., S/o. Lata Ullurappa,** Aged about 45 years, Residing at No.36, Varanasi Main Road, Near Venu Gopala Swamy Temple, Varanasi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 036 and **Subramani G.N.,** S/o. Late Narayanappa, Aged about 47 years, Residing at : Gunduru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 049, having lost the Original Registered Deed of Declaration Cum Rectification No. dated 29.11.2023, registered as Document No.BNS-1-17085/2023-24, Book-I, in the office of Sub-registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore, in respect of Item No.1 & Registered Deed of Declaration Cum Rectification, dated 29.11.2023, registered as Document No.BNS-1-17086/2023-24, Book-I, in the office of Sub-registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore, in respect of Item No.II, in respect of the below mentioned Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.I. : All the piece and parcel of the land in **Old Sy.No.65/1, New Sy.No.65/5,** measuring **13 Guntas,** situated at **Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore** and bounded on: **East by : 30 feet Road, West by : Pillaiah Property, North by : Remaining Portion of same survey number and South by : Remaining Property.**

Item No.II. : All the piece and parcel of the land in **Old Sy.No.65/1, New Sy.No.65/6,** measuring **13 Guntas**, situated at **Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore** and bounded on: **East by : 30 feet Road, West by : Pillaiah Property, North by : Remaining Portion of same survey number and South by : Remaining Property.**

(All items situated at **Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore)**

Devaraj U., & Subramani G.N., have sworn to an affidavit dated 20.11.2025 before the notary and also has filed a complaint before the Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, with Lost Report No.1904175 & 1904169/2025, dated 15.11.2025 that effect. Any persons who found the said documents may please be handed over the same to below mentioned address within **15 days.**

Meenakshi B.R., Advocate
Gururaya Law Chambers
At : # 33, Rayara Kuteera,
Varasiddinagar, Andhralli Main Road
Peenya, Bangalore – 560 058.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my Client intends to purchase, the below mentioned Schedule Property;

If any of the person or institution is having any objection for the transaction, may kindly forward their objection in writing to the undersigned within a period of **Seven (7) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof failing which our Client will treat the title of the Schedule Property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO 1: All that piece and parcel of Industrial cum residential converted land bearing Sy. No. 80/1 (earlier Sy No. 64 / Block 2) measuring 2 Acres, having PID No. 150200401300200138 and having e-katha No. 138/138/64/2/80/1 under the records of Doddabanahalli Panchaya, situated at Kaatamnallur Village, Bidarahalli 1 Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on;

East By: Land bearing Sy. No. 79 & 75; West By: Land bearing Sy. No. 80/5 (old Sy No. 80/2); North By: Land bearing Sy. No. 80/6 and South By: Land bearing Sy. No. 70.

ITEM NO 2: All that piece and parcel of commercial converted land bearing Sy. No. 80/6 (earlier Sy. No. 80/1, old Sy No. 64 / Block 2) measuring 1 Acre, situated at Kaatamnallur Village, Bidarahalli 1 Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on;

East By: Land bearing Sy. No. 79; West By: Land bearing Sy. No. 80/5 (old Sy No. 80/2); North By: Road and South By: Land bearing Sy. No. 80/1.

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Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Odisha
Annex Building of SIH&FW, Nayapalli, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar-751012; Phone/Fax: 0674-2392480/88

Advt. No. 16/25 Date - 25/11/2025

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Operation & Management of Mobile Health Units (MHU) in PPP Mode

Sealed proposals are invited from eligible bidders for operation & management of 174 Mobile Health Units (MHU) in PPP Mode in the selected Blocks of the State. The eligibility criteria and detailed requirements for operation & management of Mobile Health Units are set forth in the RFP document which can be downloaded from the website: **www.nhmodisha.gov.in** (under Link: **"Tender"**) and **https://health.odisha.gov.in**.

The bid schedule is as mentioned below :

Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting	Last date & time of submission of bid	Date & time of Opening of Technical Bid
02.12.2025, 4 PM	24.12.2025, 3 PM	24.12.2025, 4 PM

Any amendments in above RFP due to decision in pre-bid meeting shall only be notified in the website mentioned above. The proposal with sealed envelope should be clearly superscribed with **"Proposal for Operation & Management of Mobile Health Unit in PPP Mode in Odisha", "RFP No.: NHM / MHU / 2025 / 01** and marked to **Mission Director, National Health Mission, Annex Building of SIH&FW, Unit-8, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751012.** The sealed proposals in a manner specified in the RFP should reach the office of the tender inviting authority in the address mentioned above by **Speed Post / Registered Post / Courier** only on or before the stipulated date & time of bid submission mentioned above.

The tender inviting authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals or cancel the bid without assigning any reason thereof. No personal inquiry shall be entertained.

Sd/-
E-533 **Mission Director, NHM, Odisha**

Government of Karnataka
Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Davanagere

No.EE/RDWS& SD/DVG/ AE-2/JE-2/JJM/Tender -2025-26 / Dated:-21.11/2025

E-Procurement Tender Notification

Tender is invited through e-procurement for 1 works in 1 Villages of Davanagere Taluk & 3 works in 3 villages of Harihar Taluk approved under 2215 –JJM scheme(2020-21) for Rs 206.55 Lakhsin Two cover system by the Executive Engineer, RDWS& S Division, Davanagere on behalf the Governor of Karnataka, for registered PWD Contractors and also registered in e-Portal cell.Item rate tender as per standard bid documents only through e-Procurement in order to enhance the transparency in the tendering process and hence there will be no physical form of tender. Last date for submission of tenders on Dated:04.12.2025at5.00 PM. Further details can be obtained from this office Tel No:08192-262126 or through website http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
RWS Division, Davanagere

Government of Karnataka
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI

No : EE/PRED/KLB/KKRDB /TS-5/2025-26/4461 Date : 19/11/2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-procurement Two Cover System)

1) Name of work: 1. Improvements and Formation of Roads 12 Various Villages in Chittapur Consstituency Indent No.(1) 17268/Call2, (2) 17206/Call2, (3)20721, (4) 17240/Call2, (5) 20687, (6) 20741, (7) 20695, (8) 20690, (9) 20697, (10) 20696, (11) 14921/Call-2, (12) 20693, 2. Construction of CC road in SC colony from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar circle to main road at Jogur village in Kalaburagi Taluka Indent No. (1) 20133 **Total 13 Works**, 2) Head of account: **3054 LUMP SUM / 5054,** 3) Amount put to tender: **Minimum Rs. 58,28,718.00, Maximum Rs. 98,58,508.03,** 4) Class of Contractor: Class- III and Above, 5) Issue of Blank Tender Documents: **20-11-2025 to 28-11-2025 upto 4.00 pm**, 6) Tender Form Fee: As per KPPP Norms, 7) E.M.D. Fee: Minimum Rs. 66,000.00, Maximum Rs. 1,97,500.00, 8) Receipt of completed tender documents: **20-11-2025 to 28-11-2025 upto 4.00 pm**, 9) Technical Bid Opening Date: **29-11-2025 After 4.00 pm**,10) Financial Bid opening Date: **01-12-2025 After 11.00 am**, 11) For more details contact: Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Opp: Karnataka Grameen Bank (PKGB) Head office, Kusnoor Road, Rajapur Kalaburagi, 12) Website Address: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/765/KSMC&A/2025-26 **Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Kalaburagi**

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender(Rs.) / EMD Amount(Rs.)	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date and time for opening of tender
1	South-2	BWSSB/EES2/TO/PB/ 1688/2025-26 Dt:21.11.2025	Rs. 98,88,150/- / Rs. 1,97,800/-	10.12.2025 upto 4.00 p.m.	11.12.2025 after 4.30 p.m.
2		BWSSB/EES2/TO/PB/ 1690/2025-26 Dt:21.11.2025	Rs. 58,54,210/- / Rs. 1,17,100/-		
3		BWSSB/EES2/PB/1692/ 2025-26 Dt:21.11.2025 (Category-1)	Rs.28,31,425/- / Rs. 28,400/-	02.12.2025 upto 4.00 p.m.	03.12.2025 after 4.30 p.m.
4		BWSSB/EES2/PB/1694/ 2025-26 Dt:21.11.2025 (SC Category)	Rs. 33,84,050/- / Rs. 33,900/-		
5		BWSSB/EES2/PB/1696/ 2025-26 Dt:21.11.2025	Rs. 47,24,685/- / Rs. 94,500/-		
6		BWSSB/EES2/PB/1698/ 2025-26 Dt:21.11.2025 (ST Category)	Rs.41,50,662/- / Rs. 41,600/-		
7		BWSSB/EES2/TO/PB/ 1700/2025-26 Dt:21.11.2025 (Category-IIA)	Rs.73,80,195/- / Rs. 73,900/-	10.12.2025 upto 4.00 p.m.	11.12.2025 after 4.30 p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-2)

The details regarding the tender and participating in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/JA/3993/2025-26

THE FEDERAL BANK LIMITED
Regd. Office: Aluva, Kerala.

ZONAL OFFICE: 2nd Floor, Halcyon Complex, No.9, St Marks Road, Bangalore-560 001.
e-mail: bgrr-cpc@federalbank.co.in Phone: 080-22074610/604/613/624/625

BGRR/PvtSale/Q3/2025-26 **NOTICE FOR PRIVATE SALE OF GOLD** **24/11/2025**

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold Ornaments pledged in the following Gold Loan accounts, with the under mentioned Branches of the Bank, which are overdue for redemption and which have not been regularized so far in spite of repeated notices, will be put for Private sale, in the respective Branches on any date after 10-12-2025 as shown below:

Br. Bidadi: Site No. 342/370, Nelligudda Tank Road, Bidadi, Ramanagara- 562 109 Ph: 080-27282383:- 16706900003355,16706400105676,16706400106195,16706400104596,16706400108555,16706400100842,16706400104455,16706400108639,16706400100768,16706400092718,16706900001755,16705500015926,16706900002498,16706400106641,16706400107433,16706400112672,16705500017039,16706400112904,16705500015579,16706900003066,16706400108449,16706400108431,16706900003702,16706400104356,16706400104364,16706400104372,16706400106351,16706400105973,16706400107862.
Br. Bangalore/Basavanagudi: 20/1, Ground Floor, Shri Mallikarjuna Nilaya, Prof.B S Madhava Rao Circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore- 560 004, Ph: 08026571530:- 13186900003296,13186100195181,13186400031342,13186100193806,13186900003429. **Br. Balagaranahalli: Sy. No. 33/2, Balagaranahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka- 562 107, Ph. No. 080 27820090 :-** 21706400053499.
Br. Bangalore/Jaya Nagar: K M Plaza, Kanakapura Main Road, 30th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore- 560 082, Ph. No. 080-26655558 :- 13876500023237,13876100393733,13876900006618,13876500023328,13876900006865,13876900006105,13876500030893,13876400100382,13876400100192,13876900006782,13876400101208,13876100389004,13876500032618,13876900007715,13876100391166,13876900006725,13876100393964,13876800008391.
Br. Bangalore/Koramangala: No. 7, Maruthi Arcade, 20th Main Road, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore- 560 095, Ph No. 080-25717733:- 14376900003730,14376900002153,14376400048383,14376400048193,14376900004779,14376100137361,14376100138070,14376900003409,14376500014459.
Br.Bangalore/Marathahalli: No.43, Varthur Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560 037, Ph: 080-25400111:- 14546400029738,14546400058224,14546400052649,14546400052656,14546400052664,14546400054207,14546800014298,14546900000783,14546100140991,14546400059867,14546400060881,14546400060881,14546400059503,14546900004439,14546400059008,14546100137922,14546500005075,14546500005190,14546500005406,14546400060741.
Br. Billapura: Sy. No.20, Thyvakanahally, Sarjapur - Attibele Road, Bangalore, Karnataka- 562 125:- 21666400051499,21666400038553,21666400029719,21666400049295,21666400053396,21666400046150,21666100015729,21666400051291.
Br. Bannergatta: Limra Towers, Kemmanaikanahalli, Bannergatta, Bangalore Urban-560 083. Ph. No. 080 27828224 :- 15716400119636,15716400150383,15716400202077,15716400208058,15716400165233,15716100156482,15716400202119,15716400201517,15716100153885,15716100154891,15715600001321,15716400203182,15716100163827,15716400140558,15716400206623,15716400203521,15716400170605.
Br. Bangalore/H S R Layout : No.19, 15th Cross, 15th Main, Sector IV, H S R Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, Ph. No. 080 25724492 :- 17696400037996,17696400038028,17696900003712,17696400039182,17696400039562,17696400039570,17696400040974,17696400041170,17696500010372,17696100277579,17696400038333,17696900000924,17696400033953,17696900005204,17696800100543,17696500010950,17696900001310,17696500010596,17696500010752,17696400039224,17696400039232. **Br. Kunigal: KRS Agrahara, BM Road, Kunigal, Tumkur, Karnataka- 572 130 :-** 20706400133102.
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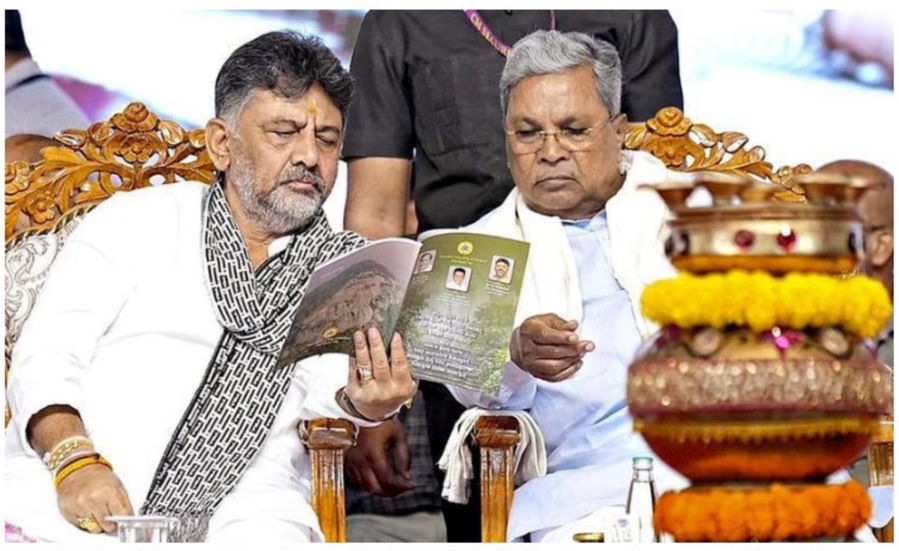
Leadership issue: All eyes on Rahul Gandhi now

Party sources say that Mallikarjun Kharge is likely to brief Rahul in a couple of days following which both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar may be called for consultations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge shifting the decision on leadership issue to the party high command, all eyes are now on Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi even as the second set of legislators, aligned to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, is now camping in Delhi to bring pressure on central leaders.

However, those close to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah maintained that discussion would take place on Cabinet reshuffle and not related to leadership.



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at an event at Sidlaghatta in Chickballapur district on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Seen together

Amid these hectic developments, Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar were seen together sharing the dais at a government function in Chickballapur, near here, on Monday.

Speaking to reporters, the Chief Minister reiterated that he would abide by the high command's decision.

"If they decide I should continue, I will continue. Both Mr. Shivakumar and I have to accept what high command decides." Responding to this, his deputy later said, "What Mr. Siddaramaiah says is *Veda Vakya* to all of us and he is our party's asset."

Party sources said that Mr. Kharge was likely to brief Mr. Gandhi in a couple of days following which both Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar may be called for consultations.

"The central leaders have not met since the Bihar results. They are likely to discuss the developments in Karnataka too. It was in their presence that a decision on the Chief Minister was arrived at in 2023," said a source.

Venugopal in city

Until Mr. Gandhi took a decision, nothing would move in the current circumstances, the sources said. Another source in the Congress said that Mr. Shivakumar was likely to meet AICC general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, who would be transiting through Bengaluru either on Monday night or Tuesday morning to discuss the issue.

In a related development, following a set of legislators going to Delhi last week to speak to Central leaders including Mr. Venugopal and general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala, another set of six legislators reached there on Sunday night to meet the leaders.

According to party sources in the coming days more such delegations could go to Delhi to extend support to Mr. Shivakumar in his bid to get the post of Chief Minister.

Responding to this, Mr. Shivakumar said they were ministerial aspirants and there was nothing wrong with them going to Delhi.

However, sources close to the Chief Minister said that those who are going to Delhi were not getting any appointments from the central leaders and were "returning empty-handed".

Meanwhile, sources close to former Bengaluru Rural MP D.K. Suresh, who has been actively involved in drumming up support for his brother, said that he had reminded the Chief Minister of his promise of "leadership rotation formula" when the two met recently.

"When the discussion on leadership took place at Mr. Kharge's residence in Delhi two days prior to the swearing in, it was Mr. Suresh who had remained adamant about Mr. Shivakumar being made the Chief Minister.

Mr. Siddaramaiah had convinced him then in front of the central leaders. That was the reason why Mr. Suresh publicly said the Chief Minister will live up to his word recently," claimed a source.

Legislators' signatures being collected?

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress sources claimed that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is drumming up support for himself by collecting signatures from legislators in his favour. They described the number as "substantial".

"It is definitely far more than the support he received at the Congress Legislative Party meeting in May 2023," said a source.

"He has been working to secure numbers."

Another source said that the number of legislators in the "neutral camp" that is looking forward for a decision by the high command either way is also swelling. However, sources in the Chief Minister's Office refuted news of a signature campaign, saying no such thing was happening.

DKS hits back after BJP alleges horse-trading

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok on Monday alleged that "horse-trading" of MLAs had begun in the ruling Congress and claimed that money up to the tune of ₹60 crore to ₹70 crore was being transacted, over attempts to effect leadership change.

"Leaders claim they have the support of 60 to 70 MLAs. Horse-trading has begun," he said.

Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar hit back at Mr. Ashok, saying horse-trading of MLAs was "BJP culture." "Last time when they formed the government how many thousand crores did they spend? What was offered to MLAs to defect, was even mentioned in the Assembly and is now part of the records," he said.

HC flags serious legal loophole in Kaveri 2.0 software

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has flagged a serious legal loophole in Kaveri 2.0 software while pointing that this system has no provision to enter decrees by the courts as the software "treats the decrees, be it declaratory, preliminary, final, or compromise, etc., of competent civil courts as if they were extra-statutory or non-existent for mutation purposes".

Absence of provision in the software to incorporate civil court's decrees undermines the finality of court decrees and runs counter to the intent of Sections 128 and 135 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964, which mandate that revenue records be amended in conformity with judicial declarations, the High Court pointed out.

Without delay

The High Court also directed the State government to take steps within six months to introduce a new workflow, in Kaveri 2.0, titled "Mutation based on civil court decree" for mutation, based on all types of decree of a civil court, to ensure that names of all shares and their respective extent, as determined by the decree, are entered in the column of owners or remarks of the parent RTC without any delay.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum issued the directions while allowing a petition filed by Gilbert Vas and his four brothers of Naricombu village in Bantwal taluk of Dakshina Kannada district.

The petitioners, based on a compromise decree before a civil court, had applied before tahsildar for change of khata of lands as per the decree. However, the tahsildar asked them to produce pre-mutation sketch for changing khata as Kaveri 2.0 software permits change of khata only with the production of the 11E sketch.

Changes needed

The Kaveri 2.0 should have necessary integration with Bhoomi and Mojini-2 software for implementation of decrees and for upload and authentication of civil court decrees; auto-generation of a digital mutation request (J-Slip) to Bhoomi; mapping decree particulars to survey numbers; interface to record proportionate shares in the parent RTC, and provision to attach 11-E sketches when sub-division is sought based on decree, the court said.

This vacuum in the software, the High Court said, is resulting in frequent situations where decree-holders, despite having obtained a binding decree from a competent civil court, were unable to secure corresponding entries in the revenue records like record of rights (RTC) as authorities insist production of other documents like modified sketches of the lands, etc.

Serious consequences

Failure to make entries in the parent RTC based on court's decrees has a serious legal and administrative consequences and unnecessary creation of third party rights as such vacuum confers an unintended and unlawful advantage upon the party who has lost the litigation or others.

This enables them to create third-party interests or alienate the property under the pretext of existing revenue entries, thereby frustrating the civil court's decrees, the High Court pointed out.

Entrepreneurship centre opened

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Monday launched the Centre for Entrepreneurship in Kalaburagi under its Local Economy Accelerator Programme (LEAP) which has a fund pool of ₹1,000 crore, designed to boost entrepreneurship in rural areas of the State to decentralise innovation, and accelerate economic growth across emerging tech clusters.

The Centre for Entrepreneurship – being set up in partnership with the KrishiKalpa Foundation – aims to strengthen the innovation ecosystem in Kalyana Karnataka with a strong focus on agriculture, allied sectors, and rural innovation.

A large number of farmers took out a protest march and staged a dharna in Haveri on Monday. SANJAY RITTI

BJP to protest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Janata Party has announced protests against the Congress government in the State, accusing it of pursuing anti-farmer policies.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok on Monday said that the party would organise protests at the Assembly constituency level on November 27 and 28 and at the district headquarters on December 1 and 2.

Maize growers protest

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Various districts in Kittur Karnataka, including Dharwad, Haveri, and Gadag witnessed protests by farmers' organisations on Monday seeking early intervention by both State and Central governments to safeguard the interests of maize growers by ensuring a minimum support price of ₹3,000 per quintal. In Haveri district, religious heads too took part in the agitation in support of growers.

A huge protest rally was taken out in Haveri by farmers under the banner of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene in a bid to highlight the grievances of farmers.

As a large number of farmers staged a sit-in at Hosamani Siddappa Circle, vehicular movement was affected for some time. A similar protest was staged in the neighbouring town of Ranebennur. Haveri district is one of the major maize producing districts in the State.

Their demand was that in addition to the MSP of ₹2,400 announced by the Centre, the State government should give an assistance of ₹600 per quintal and procure maize at ₹3,000 a quintal. They demanded that both the Centre and the State take corrective measures to resolve their problem.

In Gadag, the indefinite day-and-night protest which was launched by 'Samagra Raita Horata Vedike' and other organisations entered the 10th day on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Dharwad district administration managed to convince farmers' leader Shankar Ambali to withdraw his indefinite fast.

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TNRDC
Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Ltd.
TAMILNADU ROAD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD
Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project
e-Tender Notice
Tender Notice No: TNRDC / CD / 018 / 2025 Dated: 24.11.2025

The Managing Director, TNRDC for and on behalf of The Governor of State of Tamil Nadu invites bids through online by ICB Method, for the following work under JICA Loan Assistance, JICA Loan No: ID-P314 dated 20.02.2024

IFB No	Package No.	Name of Work	Bid Security	Period of completion
TNRDC/ CPRR/ JICA/ DB-02/ 2025	DB-02	Formation of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Section-V - Singaperumal Koil to Poonjeri - (JICA Phase 2) Package DB-02 Ch.107+100 to Ch.113+350 (Design Build)	INR 100 million or an equivalent amount convertible in Foreign currency	2 years Construction period +7 years post Construction maintenance period

1. The Bid document will be available in online for free download in the e-procurement portal (website), **https://tntenders.gov.in** from 25.11.2025 onwards.
2. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 10.12.2025, 11.00 Hours (IST). Kindly refer the Invitation for Bids uploaded in **https://tntenders.gov.in** for further details.
3. Deadline for online submission of Bids: on or before 11.00 Hours (IST) on 12.01.2026.
4. Online Technical Bid opening is scheduled at 11.30 Hours (IST) on 12.01.2026.
5. All Bid submission must be accompanied by a Bid security for an amount as mentioned in the above table. The Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted only by online payment through the portal or through the electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) through the portal.
6. Further Corrigendum, if any, in this regard will be available only in the e-procurement portal **https://tntenders.gov.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
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E-Mail: ka.chitradurga.dudc@gmail.com
No: DUDC/NAGAROTHANA Phase 04/CR 529/2024-25 Dt:20.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, DUDC, Chitradurga District invites tenders from registered contractors under Chief Minister Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) Project in Chitradurga District. Work as detailed below:- (Rs. in lakhs)
Description of work:- Providing and installation of street lights in between newly constructing road divider in NH 13, Chitradurga - Shivamogga Road at Holalkere Town Limit under Chief Minister Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-04) Projects in Chitradurga District.
Indent No. DMA/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT36169/ CALL-2
Estimate Cost:- 99.07 Amount Put to Tender :-83.96
EMD Amount:- 1.68 Period of Construction:-6 Months
Interested contractors can download the tender documents from the e-Procurement platform and tenders shall be submitted electronically at http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Calendar of Events Tender:- (1) Last date and Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications 26-11-2025 17.30 Hrs. (2) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders 28-11-2025 17.00 Hrs. (3) Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid 29-11-2025 17.30 Hrs. (4) Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid After Approval of Technical Bid
Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 493/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Chitradurga.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that our client is proposing to purchase the Schedule property from **Mr. H.G. Lakshmana, Mr. H.G. Prakash, Mr. H.G. Shankar, Mr. G. Narayana and Mr. H.G. Gopal.** If any individual or institute or corporate or firm has any subsisting right in respect of the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to substantiate such claim by presenting all details and documents relating thereto to the undersigned within 10 days from the publication of this notice. In the event of no such claims being presented or substantiated it shall be deemed that no such claim exists and the transaction will be concluded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.9, having **e-PID No. 1590715700,** situated Reservoir Street, Reservoir Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020, measuring East to West: 45.9 feet and North to South: 45 feet, in all measuring 2059 sq.ft. along with building constructed thereon in the ground floor, and bounded on the: **EAST by :** Property No.9/4, **WEST by :** Road, **NORTH by :** Play ground, **SOUTH by :** Private Property;

ITEM No.2: All that piece and parcel of the western portion of property bearing Municipal No.9/4, having **e-PID No. 1281403130,** situated at Reservoir Street, Reservoir Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020, totally measuring 866.25 sq.ft. along with existing building thereon in the ground floor, and bounded on the: **EAST by :** Remaining portion of property No.9/4 on the eastern side, HG Gopal property and pipeline road", **WEST by :** Property belonging to the vendors, **NORTH by :** Children Park area, **SOUTH by :** Property of Hanumanthappa;

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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INBRIEF

Andhra Pradesh to issue Smart Family Cards by 2026

The Andhra Pradesh government is preparing to roll out the Family Benefit Management System (FBMS), a comprehensive data-driven framework that treats every household as a single unit for the delivery of welfare schemes and public services. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who reviewed the initiative at the Secretariat on Monday, directed officials to complete data integration and issue Smart Family Cards to all 1.4 crore families in the State by June next year.

LDF candidates win unopposed in two wards

The Left Democratic Front (LDF) has won unopposed in two more wards of the Anthoor municipality in Kannur district of Kerala as Communist Party of India (Marxist) candidates E. Rajitha and K.V. Premarajan remain unopposed in Kodallur and Thali wards. The LDF has now won five seats unopposed in Anthoor. This comes after nomination papers of United Democratic Front (UDF) candidates were rejected, as the signatures were found to be forged.

LCA Tejas crash in Dubai an isolated occurrence: HAL

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on Monday said that the recent crash of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas during the Dubai Air Show was "an isolated occurrence"arising out of exceptional circumstances. "We would like to assure that there is no impact on the Company's business operations or its future deliveries. The Company is extending its full support and cooperation to the agencies conducting the investigation," it said in a statement.

BLO threatens to end life in Kerala; officials come to aid

The officer is heard saying that he is facing severe stress and harsh working conditions as part of the SIR duties; two staff members from the village office have been assigned to assist him

The Hindu Bureau
KOTTAYAM

In yet another instance of a booth level officer (BLO) expressing his distress over the mounting workload from the special intensive revision (SIR), an official from the Poonjar grama panchayat in Kottayam district of Kerala threatened to take his own life, citing unbearable pressure associated with the exercise.

The official, identified as Antony Varghese, a BLO for booth number 110 in the Poonjar Assembly constituency, alleged that he was facing severe stress and harsh working conditions as part of SIR duties.

Helping hand: A Booth Level Officer (BLO) at a help desk helping voters fill up the enumeration forms . REPRESENTATIONAL PHOTO

In an audio note shared in an official WhatsApp group, Mr. Varghese is heard saying that the workload involved in the SIR has pushed him to the brink. "If I commit suicide, this Election Commission and the SIR will be responsible," he says.

An employee with the Government Polytechnic College in Idukki, Mr. Varghese has been involved in the door-to-door verification process.

Revenue department officials on Monday reached out to Mr. Varghese. They informed him that he could be relieved from duty, but Mr. Varghese said he preferred to continue. "The entire department is ready to support him," deputy tahsildar, Niju Mon, said. Two staff members from the Mundakkayam village office have been assigned to assist him.

On November 16, Aneesh George, a BLO from Kannur, died by suicide, reportedly due to pressure from SIR duties.

(For those in distress, counselling is available at TeleMANAS-14416)

Seven persons killed, over 60 injured as two private buses collide in Tenkasi

The Hindu Bureau
TENKASI

Seven persons were killed and more than 60 others were injured in a head-on collision between two private buses near Duraisamypuram in Tenkasi district on Monday.

The police said a bus bound for Kovilpatti from Tenkasi and another on its way to Tenkasi from Rajapalayam collided while passing through the village near Kadayanallur on the Madurai-Kollam National Highway. A preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of the Tenkasi-bound bus was trying to overtake another vehicle when the accident occurred.

Deceased

Five women and a man died on the spot. The deceased were identified as N. Vanraj, 67, of Puthukudi in Tenkasi; V. Thenmozhi, 55, of Kadayanallur; M. Mallika, 55, of Puthukudi; K. Karpagavalli, 45, of North Alankulam; S. Subulakshmi, 52, of Muthusamiyapuram in Chokkampatti; and S. Muthulakshmi, 35, of Panavadalichatram.

Eight injured persons were referred to the Tirunelveli Government Medical College and Hospital, where one of them, identified as V. Shanmugathai, 55, of Puthukudi, died.

The other injured passengers were sent to the government hospital in Tenkasi for further treatment.

The mangled remains of the buses were removed with an earthmover, and traffic was restored.

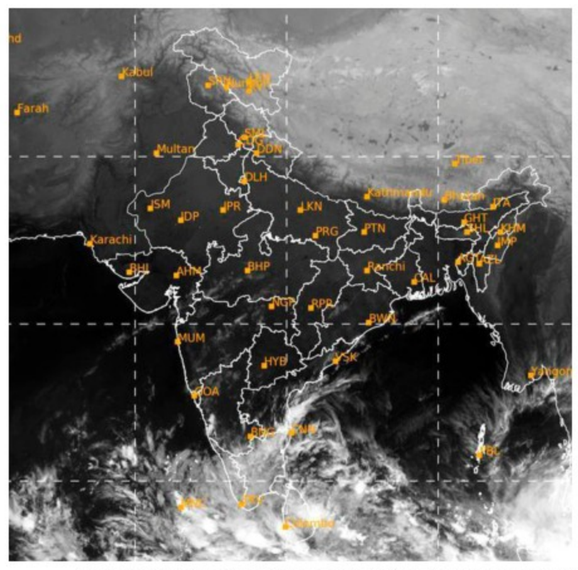
Inspection

Tenkasi Collector A.K. Kamal Kishore and Superintendent of Police S. Aravind inspected the spot.

As directed by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Minister K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran visited the injured passengers at the government hospital in Tenkasi and the Tirunelveli Government Medical College and Hospital.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.2	15.4	Kozhikode	15	31.7	24.6
Ahmedabad	—	31.3	16.0	Kurnool	—	33.0	22.5
Aizawl	—	25.8	14.0	Lucknow	—	27.2	12.6
Allahabad	—	28.2	11.5	Madurai	1	27.4	22.6
Bengaluru	—	27.4	20.0	Mangaluru	—	33.9	21.5
Bhopal	—	26.4	14.0	Mumbai	—	32.8	21.4
Bhubaneswar	—	29.8	19.0	Mysuru	—	28.0	19.8
Chandigarh	—	25.4	8.3	New Delhi	—	26.1	9.3
Chennai	3.4	29.9	27.0	Patna	—	26.0	16.0
Coimbatore	0.8	25.6	21.1	Port Blair	—	31.4	26.0
Dehradun	—	25.6	8.4	Puducherry	7	27.1	24.0
Gangtok	—	18.2	8.8	Pune	—	33.3	20.2
Goa	—	33.9	25.0	Raipur	—	30.0	17.5
Guwahati	—	26.6	17.0	Ranchi	—	24.6	12.6
Hubballi	—	30.0	20.0	Shillong	—	18.8	8.5
Hyderabad	—	30.2	19.0	Shimla	—	18.6	7.5
Imphal	—	25.1	14.7	Srinagar	—	14.5	-3.2
Jaipur	—	26.5	12.8	Thiruvananthapuram	26	27.6	24.0
Kochi	—	30.6	22.4	Tiruchi	1	25.7	22.4
Kohima	—	19.7	9.3	Vijayawada	—	31.4	23.6
Kolkata	—	28.4	18.2	Visakhapatnam	—	30.3	24.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	..23	13	... 259	...212	
Bengaluru	...6	..13	75	..... —	92	
Chennai	.15	..13	39	 33	74	
Delhi	.49	151	72	... 421	...394	
Hyderabad	...4	..30	94	... 152	...113	
Kolkata	...4	..70	28	... 283	...226	
Lucknow	...8	..44	95	... 264	...272	
Mumbai	...6	..40	57	... 226	...273	
Pune	..—	..54	48	... 146	...125	
Visakhapatnam	.13	..19	17	... 135	...112	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hapur, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 416 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Six arrested for robbing two techies at their house

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The HAL police on Monday arrested a 24-year-old gym trainer along with five of his associates for allegedly robbing two women techies by posing as policemen while the women were having a late night birthday party at their house last week.

The police arrested Mohammed Najash, the gym trainer, and K.T. Vinu, 23, M. Sarun, 38, Diwakar, 34, Madhu Kumar, 32, and Kiran, 29.

According to the police, the victim, a native of West Bengal who was working as software engineer, met the prime accused Najash at a cafeteria a few days ago and the duo became friends.

On November 6, the victim invited Najash to her birthday party, which he attended with Vinu. Upon noticing her lavish life, he chalked out a plan to rob her. He then called up Sarun and asked him to rope in few others to execute the plan the same night.

After a while, the accused knocked on the door, saying they were Swiggy delivery boys. They then barged into the house posing as policemen and and threatened to book the victims in a drugs case. The victims pleaded innocence, but the accused demanded ₹5 lakh to drop the charges.

The victims expressed that they did not have any money, following which the accused took their mobile phones and asked them to arrange the money.

Shocked, the victims approached the police, who zeroed in on the accused.

Golden harvest

A farmer separating the fully dried corn from the heap exposed to sunlight at Chadmad Thanda in Gandhari Mandal in Kamareddy district of Telangana on Monday. NAGARA GOPAL

Fresh chats tying MLA to 'sexual misconduct' put Cong. on the mat in Kerala

G Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A "new" set of mobile phone audio recordings and WhatsApp chats that surfaced in the public domain on Monday appeared to reignite the serial sexual misconduct scandal centring around Palakkad MLA Rahul Mamkootathil, arguably menacing the Congress' local body election campaign at a critical juncture.

The messages and recordings of the questionable provenance convey a "threatening" male voice asking a woman to terminate her pregnancy medically against her will.

Rahul Mamkootathil

Speaking to presspersons in Palakkad, Mr. Mamkootathil said television channels had attributed the voice to him without giving him the right of reply. He also questioned the political timing of the accusations.

Mr. Mamkootathil said he welcomed any investigation when journalists told him that the alleged victim would meet Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and narrate her "exploitation and mistreatment" with digital proof.

Mr. Mamkootathil said, "I have not broken any law. I will clear the air at the appropriate time." He said he would move legally against those who are attempting to finish him off by raising allegations of sexual misbehaviour against him.

The police investigation into the allegations has remained stalled due to the lack of a complaint from the alleged victims.

Dharmasthala case: Mangaluru court grants bail to Chinnaiah

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Principal District and Sessions Court, Mangaluru, on Monday granted bail to C.N. Chinnaiah, the complainant in the Dharmasthala case, three months after he was arrested for perjury on August 23.

Judge Basavaraj allowed Chinnaiah's application filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). The judge stated that he could be released on bail on execution of a personal bond for ₹1 lakh, with two sureties for like sum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional magistrate concerned.

Among the conditions imposed by the judge on Chinnaiah for the release include barring him from speaking to the press, television channels, social media platforms, or any form of media, on the case.

Chinnaiah was also directed not to tamper with prosecution witnesses by exercising threats and not destroy prosecution evidence. He has to make himself available to the investigation officer of the case and cooperate in the probe.

He was also asked to mark his attendance before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) police station, Belthangady, on alternate days. He should not leave the jurisdiction of the court without prior permission, the judge said.

Finding that activists Mahesh Shetty Thimarody, Girish Mattennavar, T. Jayanth, and Vittala Gowda had "pressurised" Chinniaah to give a false complaint, the SIT filed a charge sheet on November 20 against Chinnaiah and the four activists.

They were accused of giving false evidence, fabricating false evidence and forgery.

Sujatha Bhat was also named as accused for giving false complaint that her daughter, studying MBBS, had gone missing from Dharmasthala. The Belthangady magistrate is yet to take cognisance of the SIT's report.

Japanese delegation visits ISRO to review status of Chandrayaan-5/LuPEX mission

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Japanese delegation recently held discussions with the senior leadership of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and visited the facilities of the space agency to review the status of the Chandrayaan-5/LuPEX mission and explore future opportunities.

Progress check: The Japanese delegation with ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan at the headquarters in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Vice-Chair of Japan's Cabinet Committee on National Space Policy Saku Tsuneta called on ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan on November 21 to discuss the status of the Chandrayaan-5/ LuPEX, which is a Joint Lunar Polar Exploration mission between the ISRO and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

The Chandrayaan-5 LuPEX mission is the fifth mission in the Chandrayaan series of lunar missions to study the lunar volatile materials, including lunar water, in the vicinity of a Permanently Shadowed Region in the lunar South pole.

According to the ISRO, the mission will be launched by JAXA onboard its H3-24L launch vehicle, carrying the ISRO-made lunar lander, which will carry the MHI, Japan-made lunar rover.

The ISRO is also responsible for developing a few scientific instruments for the mission.

The LUPEX will be a precursor to the ISRO's lunar sample return mission and for sending the first Indian to the moon by 2040.

The Japanese delegation also explored potential opportunities to work together in the field of robotic arm for space stations, launching of scientific satellites, and in supporting researchers and private companies from both nations for joint activities.

Labour and honour

Smooth execution of the Labour Codes is linked to tripartite consultations

The Centre's announcement to implement the four Labour Codes – they concern wages, industrial relations, social security and occupational safety, health and working conditions – has been heralded by the business and investment community as the biggest reform in a long time. Passed by Parliament between 2019 and 2020, the implementation of these Codes was delayed for multiple reasons. The Codes replace 29 laws that regulated employer-employee relations, and significantly reduce the compliance requirements for a company every year. The Centre has maintained that it will handhold the States to draft and adopt the Rules in accordance with the Codes – most States and Union Territories have published the draft Rules for the Codes. Free market advocates have always considered India's labour laws to be a hindrance to its growth potential. Under the Codes, worker-employer relations, social security mechanism and wage and aspects of emoluments will witness huge changes. India needs to generate employment for its growing youth population as it is estimated that 12 million people attain working age every year. This is a trend that will hold for several years. The Economic Survey of 2023-24 noted that there needs to be an average of nearly 78.5 lakh jobs created annually until 2030 in the non-farm sector to engage the rising workforce.

Despite the long delay in the implementation of the Codes, the concerns raised by labour unions have not been addressed in full. Labour representatives allege that the government ignored the pro-worker recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour, (submitted in 2002) and, instead, accommodated all "pro employer" recommendations and made them a part of the Codes. Those issues are now redundant, but the nature of work is undergoing rapid transformation. Considering the uncertainties due to wars, trade disruptions and climatic challenges, enhancing both agriculture and industrial productivity is necessary and ensuring a healthy worker-employer relationship is key to this. With gig and platform works and artificial intelligence disrupting conservative definitions of work, wage and social security, the Government should take the steps needed to reform the labour sector wisely. The Indian Labour Conference (ILC), which has met 46 times between 1940 and 2015, has not been convened since then. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised that labour laws would be changed only after wider tripartite consultations. So, it becomes imperative that the Government conducts the 47th session of the ILC on the Labour Codes to ensure their smooth implementation. In the process, States should also be consulted along with employers and employees.

Missing 'Ubuntu'

The U.S. boycott of the G-20 summit in Johannesburg was impolitic

The G-20 leaders' summit in Johannesburg, the first ever held in an African country, was unique in many positive, and some not-so-positive ways. The summit has an added voice as the African Union was made a member during India's G20 Presidency in 2023. As a result, the deliberations and the declaration seemed imbued by the spirit of the "Global South", as they listed the multiple challenges the world faces including conflicts, deepening inequality and increasing economic uncertainty. In particular, the nations gathered called for a "just, comprehensive, and lasting peace" in "Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Occupied Palestinian Territory [and] Ukraine", invoking the UN charter. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke at all three sessions of the G-20, suggesting six initiatives that India could lead in order to address some of those issues, particularly on the need to "reconsider" the parameters of global development. These initiatives included a Traditional Knowledge Repository, a G20-Africa Skills Multiplier Initiative (where India proposed to train a million people across Africa), a Global Healthcare Response Team, an Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus, an Open Satellite Data Partnership" to share agriculture, fishing and disaster-related information, and a "G20 Critical Minerals Circularity initiative". The government asserted that it had a role in drafting the declaration, but would have been disappointed by the brief condemnation of terrorism when compared to the 2023 New Delhi declaration, given the Delhi blast and the Pahalgam attack.

The leaders present spoke volubly about the need for bolstering the G-20's role in managing global challenges, but were silent on the absence of the most important dignitary – U.S. President Donald Trump did not just skip the Summit, but the U.S. government also boycotted it, sending only a diplomat as an observer. This is the first time that the U.S., that has cited tensions with South Africa over "alleged discrimination" against "White minority farmers", has walked away from the summit of the biggest economies. Aside from the irony of a "boycott" against South Africa, which suffered apartheid under the Afrikaner-led regime, the U.S.'s decision also raises questions over its commitment to the G-20 even as it takes over its presidency for 2026. The absence of the leader of the largest economy and the lack of universal criticism of the decision run counter to the hope and hype of the G-20 finally representing a more democratic world order over the last few years. The spirit of 'Ubuntu' or "I am because we are", referred to in this year's declaration, must be heeded by the very powers that would seek to side-line the grouping today.

The amplitude of gubernatorial discretion

"But the Queen has no such veto. She must sign her own death-warrant if the two Houses unanimously send it up to her. It is a fiction of the past to ascribe to her legislative power (*The English Constitution*, Walter Bagehot, 1865).

The Supreme Court of India has given its opinion on 11 out of the 14 questions on which the President of India had sought its advice under Article 143 of the Constitution. The issue behind these questions is the role to be played by the Governor of a State while deciding on the Bills passed by the legislative Assemblies as in the provisions of Article 200 of the Constitution.

The mode of appointment and exercise of discretionary powers by the Governor have engaged the attention of the political executive, at the Union and State levels, and constitutional experts. After seven-and-a-half decades, it is time to analyse how the discharge of gubernatorial responsibilities has given rise to conflicts and litigation.

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The focus points

The two major constitutional questions which came up before the Court in the Tamil Nadu case and the subsequent Presidential reference were, first, the existence of discretionary power for the Governor while assenting to, withholding assent from and in reserving a Bill for the consideration of the President, and, second, the time limit within which a Governor or the President has to act on a Bill passed by the legislature.

In the Court's opinion, the Governor has discretion in the three courses of action available when a Bill is presented and no time-line can be prescribed. However, the Court has a limited power of judicial review in glaring cases of inaction when the delay is prolonged, unexplained and indefinite.

Here, it is pertinent to note that when a Bill which has been withheld and sent to legislature, the Governor has to give assent as soon as possible, after it is resubmitted.

In the Government of India Act, 1935, both the Governor-General and the Governor had discretion (Sections 32 and 75, respectively) in assenting, withholding and returning Bills. In the draft Article 175, discretion was conferred on the Governor for returning a Bill with a message to a unicameral legislature. The words 'discretion' and the 'single house' in the draft Article were removed after debates in the Constituent Assembly.

The Court was of the opinion that prior to the insertion of the Tenth Schedule in 1985 in the Constitution, it was a realistic possibility that Bills could be passed without the support of the Council of Ministers. The Court implies, that after the anti-defection law, members of the party cannot act against the party whip.

> The advisory by the top court has widened the scope of gubernatorial discretion and made it non-justiciable

Hence, the Court has taken the view that a scenario where the Council of Ministers would tender aid and advice to the effect that the Governor must return a Bill for reconsideration or reserve it for the consideration of the President is not conceivable.

This view, however, does not take into consideration a situation when a coalition government of two parties, A and B, get a Bill passed in the Assembly.

When the Bill goes for assent, there is a political change and party B forms a coalition government with party C. As a part of the new political adjustment, party B agrees not to press the Bill. The new Ministry will naturally advise the Governor to send back the Bill to the legislature. Similar scenarios have been mentioned by the constitutional advisor, B.N. Rau in his note to the Constituent Assembly. These make it abundantly clear that there is no need to assume that there is implied discretion in Article 200.

On aid and advice

Another situation mentioned in the opinion of the Court for assuming that there is implied discretion for the Governor in Article 200 for protecting and defending the Constitution is that "if there is no discretion, then even if advice is tendered contrary to the written text of the Constitution, the Governor will be bound by such advice".

Three questions arise here. First, given that the members of the Council of Ministers take oath to owe allegiance to the Constitution, why will they tender such an advice? Second, if such an unconstitutional advice is tendered to the Governor, is she/he impeded from sending a report to the Union under Article 356, for which there is no need for the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers? Third, does the President have any discretionary power, if such advice is tendered by the Union cabinet?

The Sarkaria Commission report stated that the discretion is available only under the second proviso to Article 200 and that it is quite narrow. The present advisory, on the other hand, has widened the scope of gubernatorial discretion and made it non-justiciable. If the power of assent, withholding and sending messages (the advisory states that there cannot be withholding simpliciter) fall in the realm of discretion and are not subject to judicial review, the consequence will be a form of gubernatorial governance in the States.

The Court has adumbrated that the Governor is not an employee of the Union (*Hargovind Pant vs Raghukul Tilak Dr. And Others* (1979 AIR 1109). However, none of the modes of appointment of the Governors, recommended by the Sarkaria, Venkatachaliah and Punchhi Commissions have been seriously considered.

Sorabjee's observation

Soli Sorabjee, in 1985, made a sharply critical observation that an unhealthy practice has grown from offering the post of Governor as a consolation prize for 'burnt-out' politicians or as a stepping stone for those still burning with political ambition. Given this backdrop, there is a likelihood of friction when the Union and the States are ruled by different political parties. It is to be noted that those who are now critical of the role of the Governors, had earlier ignored the well-meaning recommendations on the mode of appointment of Governors by three commissions on Centre-State relations.

Having judicially determined time lines for deciding on Bills passed by the legislature arose when States approached the Court citing long delays at the level of Governors. Citing instances of delay in the cases reserved for consideration of the President, former Chief Minister of Karnataka Ramakrishna Hegde has said: "The President had yet to give assent to as many as 74 Bills referred to him by different State Governors. Of these, two had been pending for seven years, three for six years, two for five years, seven for three years and 58 for the past one year... after making the Karnataka government wait for six years, the Home Ministry wrote to the State Government that its Educational Bill, 1983, was 'under examination'" (*Mainstream*, June 8, 1991).

The three commissions had also recommended timelines. In a polity, where smooth working relations are to be ensured between the Union and the States, why not think of a consensus and amend Article 200 introducing time lines? The ruling party of yesteryears is in the opposition today and it can be vice-versa.

The advisory opinion of the learned judges has upturned the position in the judgment of the Tamil Nadu case. Even though the judgment does not merge in the opinion, the latter has substantial persuasive value. Will the future be happier if the non-justiciable discretion without specific time lines is available for exercise of gubernatorial functions under Article 200?

Society must reclaim respectful, open dialogue

Despite the growing divisions around us, hope still shines in the power of thoughtful and respectful dialogue. Neutrality and balanced judgment form the bedrock not only of our legal system but also of a peaceful society. Yet, today, public discourse faces a profound crisis. What was once a tradition of reasoned debate, has devolved into a noisy contest where voices shout not to be understood but to drown the others out. Now, television studios, social media and public forums often resemble battlefields, driven by profiteers of division, digital platforms are designed to exploit our emotions, and factions thrive on tribal allegiance rather than truth. In such a world, neutrality is not only undervalued but scorned.

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Only rigid choices

The ideal of the "middle path" seems to be vanishing. Society is forced into rigid binary choices: you are either left or right, with no room for ambiguity or balance. Those who practise impartial judgment, the essence of a healthy democracy, are marginalised and attacked as weak or irrelevant. Even within communities meant to unite, opposition is crushed not through debate but through ridicule and exclusion. Defending neutrality has become a rare act of courage, increasingly unsupported.

This crisis deeply affects those in positions of responsibility, *viz.*, the decision-makers, and mediators who must navigate competing demands. Their challenge transcends balancing viewpoints; it becomes survival in a climate where compromise is treated as betrayal and self-doubt as failure. Emotional exhaustion plagues those who choose dialogue over division.

Neutrality itself can be misused. Some wield it selectively, condemning faults in others while ignoring their own. Such hypocrisy corrodes discourse and erodes trust, transforming civic conversation into performances of self-justification where convenience trumps consistency. Philosopher Jay Garfield warns that polarisation destroys civil discourse which is the foundation of democracy. To rebuild, he urges us to seek dialogue across divides with openness and humility, viewing opponents as fellow humans, not enemies. Only through respectful conversation can we address the complex challenges of our time.

> The middle path of understanding over discord and reason over rage is necessary in today's turbulent world

Reclaim genuine dialogue

The crisis we face is more than political. It is existential. When neutrality is mocked and moderation punished, when only the loudest voices are heard, our collective capacity to grow and innovate fades. The remedy lies in a humble return to respectful engagement – accepting that no truth is certain without risk and that every position, including neutrality, carries moral weight. Genuine dialogue must be reclaimed, refusing the destructive ease of polarisation. Without this, the very foundation of meaningful democratic life is at stake.

The legislative process becomes dysfunctional as polarisation leads to deadlock or superficial rubber stamp decisions. Judicial autonomy is questioned, with courts seen as biased factions rather than impartial arbiters. Leaders are viewed as faction heads, fractured from the broader population's needs. Public discourse devolves into hostile rhetoric rather than reasoned debate, further harming social cohesion and democratic norms.

Beyond politics, polarisation impacts individual well-being and social integration. Chronic stress and anxiety related to political hostility rise. Social networks shrink as communities segregate along ideological lines, eroding the cooperative spirit needed for societal progress. Workplace dynamics reflect polarisation, leading to discrimination and conflict.

The online environment worsens this, with misinformation campaigns, emotional manipulation and divisive content as norms. Hate crimes and political violence have increased in polarised contexts, underscoring the danger when group loyalty overtakes democratic principles. Research shows that rising connectivity through social media paradoxically drives polarisation by fostering homophily – i.e., people bonding with similar views by repelling opposing groups and thus widening opinion gaps.

Defend neutrality

To counter these trends, society must reclaim respectful, open dialogue. This means defending neutrality and balanced judgment as moral imperatives, embracing complexity rather than binary choices. Genuine engagement requires seeing opponents as fellow humans, acknowledging multiple viewpoints with humility. Only by fostering understanding across divides can democratic governance and social trust be restored.

Choosing understanding over discord and reason over rage is not just idealistic but necessary. The middle path offers a way to navigate turbulent times with courage and integrity. It demands listening deeply, admitting imperfections and valuing balance as essential for mature democracy. Protecting neutrality and civil discourse shields society from polarisation's corrosive effects and ignites hope for peaceful coexistence and progress.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many blocs, scant results

There are umpteen international groups and bodies with the white elephant, the United Nations, topping the list of those unable to draw the line on burning issues. Top leaders gather, flash toothy grins, adopt resolutions and release some press statements before dispersing. The follow-up action almost always misses the target. The United States, with its dollar strength, manipulates international happenings in its favour. India too coins catchy slogans such as "one earth, one family, one future" which mean nothing to the West. The West is only interested in continuing its hegemony. The world needs results. The West's narrow line should be rebutted.

Govardhana Myneedu,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

In a world riven by war, inequality and mistrust, it is jarring to note the existence of many blocs. Each claims to solve global problems, but their proliferation only fragments efforts. Amid these exclusive clubs, only one truly universal institution still stands — the United Nations. It was conceived as the bedrock of global peace and multilateral cooperation, but its role seems increasingly sidelined. If we strengthen and reform the UN — giving it real power and relevance — perhaps we would not need so many competing groups. A reformed UN could serve as the single inclusive platform to address poverty, climate change, war and global justice. The multiplicity of summits only gives us the illusion of action.

T. Kailash Ditya,
Hyderabad

What the peace plan is

The Ukraine 'peace plan' is less a resolution and more a capitulation blueprint. That Ukraine should surrender territory and wager on Russia's goodwill not to advance further, and look to the prospect of Moscow's return to the G-8, is a tilt toward Russian interests. In truth, this mirrors shifting geopolitics around the war itself. Europe's industrial capacity to keep Ukraine armed is eroding under the weight of sustained commitments. The U.S., after two years of political fatigue and domestic preoccupations, has lost interest. It is now a conflict defined by material exhaustion. Under war fatigue, any peace plan would be an escape hatch for weary actors in the war. Peace extracted from weakness seldom endures. It merely pauses conflict.

R. Narayanan,
Navi Mumbai

Dharmendra

The passing of veteran actor Dharmendra has left millions of cinema lovers in deep sorrow. A timeless icon of Indian cinema, Dharmendra was not just an actor but an emotion for generations. Dharmendra won hearts with his effortless charm, powerful performances and unmatched versatility. From action and drama to romance and comedy, he excelled in every genre, leaving behind a legacy that will inspire actors.

Rukma Sharma,
Jalandhar, Punjab

Called the 'He-Man of Bollywood', Dharmendra was one of India's most iconic actors. With his natural acting and powerful dialogue delivery, he created unforgettable characterisation. We will miss a beloved figure in the Indian film world.

Deepika Kataria,
Chandigarh

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Bridging India's numeracy gap

Jatin Goyal

A civil servant presently serving in the Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. Views are personal

The National Education Policy 2020 rightly identifies Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) as the cornerstone of all future learning. The NIPUN Bharat Mission has translated this policy intent into action by focusing on learning outcomes rather than just inputs. Foundational learning outcomes – stagnant for decades – have shown measurable improvement, as confirmed by government as well as independent surveys.

Despite these gains, numeracy continues to lag behind literacy. The Annual State of Education Report 2024 report shows that while 48.7% of Class 5 students can read fluently, only 30.7% can solve a basic division problem – an 18% point gap. No State reports higher numeracy than literacy outcomes. This situation makes it essential to examine numeracy more closely on the path to achieving foundational learning.

Integrated learning

The root of the numeracy problem lies in the cumulative nature of mathematics. Unlike language learning, where partial comprehension allows some progress, math is hierarchical and builds on itself. A missed concept in the lower grades, such as place value, can make future concepts like addition and decimals inaccessible. As a result, once gaps form, they tend to widen over time.

Traditional syllabus-driven teaching worsens the issue, as it advances without ensuring that students have grasped earlier concepts. Research and field experience from Teaching at the Right Level, an approach developed by the NGO Pratham, show that instruction must be aligned with a child's learning level rather than the curriculum. Without remedial interventions, grade-level teaching simply bypasses most learners, deepening existing disparities.

This gap is also evident in the disconnect between school learning and real-life application. A study by the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab shows that students who perform well on classroom math assessments often struggle to apply that knowledge in real-life market situations. Conversely, children engaged in real-world tasks, such as working in a shop, often find it difficult to transfer those skills into classroom-based math problems. This two-way disconnect underscores the need for integrated learning that brings real-life problem-solving into classrooms.

The practical consequences of the numeracy gap are significant. Students who lack foundational numeracy skills struggle in both math and science – subjects which record far higher failure rate than others – in board exams. Many adolescents exit school even before reaching the board exam stage, not because of a lack of access or interest, but because persistent learning gaps make classroom instruction incomprehensible, especially in middle and secondary school. The dread of math is therefore real, and results in closing the doors of higher education for many who can't pass Class 10 board exams or drop out earlier.

A multi-pronged response

Addressing this challenge calls for a multi-pronged response that builds on NIPUN's gains. The most urgent step is to extend interventions up to Class 8, given that about 70% of Class 5 and more than 50% of Class 8 students are still unable to perform basic division, as per the ASER 2024 report. Limiting foundational interventions to Class 3 is inadequate when upper primary children continue to miss out, many having lost crucial primary years due to COVID-19 disruptions. Experiences from the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, where extending FLN interventions into middle grades significantly improved outcomes as shown in the Parakh Rashtriya Survekshan 2024, confirm the value of such an approach.

Alongside this extension, it is equally important to move beyond "foundational" skills and introduce what may be called FLN+ skills – fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, and integers – since these are critical for board exam success and later academic progression. ASER 2024's finding that nearly 70% of Class 5 students cannot solve division suggests that an overwhelming majority also lack higher-level skills, such as adding simple fractions (for example, 2/3 + 1/2). This must change through a concerted effort.

Pedagogy, too, must evolve, especially beyond the NIPUN hours: child-friendly, activity-based methods already used for FLN should be adapted for higher-level concepts, ensuring teaching aligns with students' actual learning levels rather than rigid grade-based syllabi. Finally, the classroom must connect more meaningfully with the outside world. By embedding literacy and numeracy in real-life contexts and encouraging everyday problem-solving, schools can make learning not only more relevant but also more enduring.

In conclusion, India's numeracy gap is both widespread and deep, intensifying as children progress through school. Its causes lie in the cumulative nature of mathematics and instructional approaches that fail to meet students where they are. The consequences – poor learning outcomes, board exam failures, and high dropout rates – threaten India's educational and economic future. The NIPUN Bharat Mission has already shown that foundational skills can improve at scale with focused effort. The next step is to build on these gains and extend success to upper primary levels and to FLN+ skills, especially in math. Doing so is not just an academic priority but a social and economic one – with direct implications for enrolment, employability, and equity.

Strengthening middle-grade support, introducing Foundational Literacy and Numeracy+ skills, and making math more connected to everyday life can transform India's early gains into lasting numeracy progress

The race for investments

Investors are flocking to Andhra Pradesh, triggering regional battles

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Even as Tamil Nadu and Karnataka accuse Andhra Pradesh of pursuing a 'race to the bottom,' investors are still gravitating towards the State. At the CII Partnership Summit 2025 alone, Andhra Pradesh signed 613 Memoranda of Understanding committing a total investment of ₹13.25 lakh crore.

Some leaders in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have, in the past, criticised the Chandrababu Naidu-led Andhra Pradesh for offering land at extremely low prices along with other heavy incentives to attract industries. These Ministers contended that Andhra Pradesh has triggered an unhealthy competition among the States by going to great lengths to garner investments, while being unmindful of the negative impact that this is likely to have on the economy.

The spat between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu with Andhra Pradesh began when Google announced a $15 billion investment to set up a hyperscale AI data centre in Visakhapatnam. Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge dismissed as "baseless" reports that said that Google had chosen Andhra over Karnataka and added that the massive incentive package promised by the Naidu government to Google would result in an economic disaster. In response, Andhra Pradesh IT Minister, Nara Lokesh, said that the Karnataka government should think more about efficiency and fixing its problems instead of mocking Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Lokesh has been focused on attracting IT companies and global capability

centres for which he brought in the LIFT (Land Incentive For Tech hubs) Policy, under which land is being leased out at just 99 paise per acre.

A few days ago, the South Korean footwear manufacturer, Hwaseung, announced that it would establish a non-leather footwear manufacturing unit at Kuppam in Chittoor district by investing nearly ₹900 crore. As Hwaseung had initially shown interest in setting up the unit in Tamil Nadu, State Industries Minister T.R.B. Rajaa commented on the development on social media. He said, "Investment promotion is not a regular everyday game. It's about balancing the State's need for certain sectors, jobs that will get created, incentives being given according to the area in which the investment is anchored etc. While some governments have the luxury of huge tracts of arid lands, others have high value land that can't be casually given away without assessing the outcome of incentives vis-a-vis the value of the jobs being created. We will not join the race to the bottom, of offering unrealistic packages". Meanwhile, former president of the BJP in Tamil Nadu, K. Annamalai, blamed M.K. Stalin and Mr. Rajaa for projects shifting to Andhra Pradesh.

Responding to these allegations, Mr. Naidu said in a press meet at the CII Summit that States should compete in a federal setup. He said all the investments finalised at the CII Summit were "serious", driving home the message that the Andhra government is doing its due diligence and not leaving entrepreneurs to fend for themselves after the signing of MoUs. Top officials in the government have been assigned the job of following up on each one of the proposals.

Karan Adani, the MD of Adani Ports & SEZ Ltd., has promised to invest ₹1 lakh crore in Andhra Pradesh in the next 10 years. GMR Group Chairman G. Mallikarjuna Rao has announced his plan to develop an aerocity at the Bhogapuram International Airport, which, he says, will be the world's biggest aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul facility. Anand Mahindra, Chairman of Mahindra and Mahindra Group, called Mr. Naidu "an unstoppable force of nature". Some captains of Indian industry, present at the CII Summit, said that Mr. Naidu is more a CEO than a Chief Minister. They cited his track record in mobilising marquee investments, which began with bringing Bill Gates to set up the Microsoft India Development Centre in Hyderabad in the late 1990s.

Government sources say 346 MOUs were signed for an investment of approximately ₹4.55 lakh crore during the CII Partnership Summit in 2016; 583 MoUs for ₹8.19 lakh crore worth of investments were signed in 2017; and 537 MoUs for ₹2.05 lakh crore worth of investments were signed in 2018. The government claims to have signed 613 MoUs for a total investment of ₹13.26 lakh crore in 2025.

These statements and developments vindicate the government's claim of doing its best to attract investments.

Widely quoted WHO norm of 1 doctor per 1,000 people is not official

The benchmark was repeatedly used by the government to compare doctor availability in India over the last decade

DATA POINT

Devyanshi Bihani

The Indian government often cites the World Health Organization (WHO)'s "benchmark" of one doctor for every 1,000 people. However, this is not a standard officially prescribed by the WHO.

Parliament Question and Answer records show that until at least 2010, the government maintained that the WHO had not prescribed any specific standard for the doctor-population ratio. But answers from 2015 and as recently as 2024 show otherwise. Replies in both these years cite the 1:1,000 ratio.

In both replies, the government used this benchmark to compare doctor availability in India. Since relying solely on registered allopathic doctors pushed the doctor-population ratio above the 1:1,000 benchmark, the government opted to include AYUSH practitioners as well, lowering the final ratio. Notably, while calculating the ratio for allopathic doctors, the government used only 80% of them, as only this proportion can be considered "available". However, when it came to AYUSH doctors, they did not apply the availability factor.

Chart 1 shows these doctor-population ratio calculations sourced from various Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha replies.

Setting these discrepancies aside, the ratio itself is questionable. The WHO, in a written response to *The Hindu*, clarified that it "does not provide recommendations for health worker population ratios at country level". The agency does not make such recommendations because ratios should be determined based on a country's health labour market dynamics and individual needs, it said.

Many experts have confirmed this. "There has never been any norm by the WHO for the doctor-population ratio," said public health expert Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya, a former staff member of the WHO. The number, he explained, was initially referenced as a WHO-recommended norm in some academic papers without attribution to any source within the WHO. Subsequently, it was cross-cited without verification and used by Parliament in its responses too.

Dr. Kiran Kumbhar, a public health expert and a historian of medicine and healthcare in India, said that there is "absolutely no indication anywhere in the WHO's documents about this recommendation". According to Dr. Kumbhar's article in *The India Forum*, the earliest official reference to the 1:1,000 figure appears in the Medical Council of India's 'Vision 2015' report, released in 2011. The document stated, based on expert consultations, that the targeted doctor population ratio would be 1:1,000 and projected that India could reach this by 2031.

While the WHO did not refer to the 1:1,000 ratio in its response, the global body stated that there are some global benchmarks used to monitor global health worker needs, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) composite index threshold, which is the most recent one. "It consists of the estimated number of skilled health workers needed to reach the minimum proportion of achievement of high coverage, defined as 80% or above for 12 selected health indicators linked to the SDGs," the WHO explained. The latest figure for that benchmark is 4.45 doctors, nurses, and midwives per 1,000 population, it said.

Health systems researcher Siddhesh Zadey, co-founder of the Association for Socially Applicable Research India, explained the origins of this composite figure. "First, in 2006, they said the minimum number should be 2.25 per 1,000 and then revised it to 4.45 later," he said. Mr. Zadey explained that many misrepresented the composite figure, assuming that within it, a specific portion would be doctors and the rest nurses and midwives. "However, the WHO was clear that the combined group had to be 2.25; they never stated that within that, there is a specific distribution," he said.

Mr. Zadey argued that separate figures for doctors are often cited to justify the need for more medical colleges. "In the last 10 years, we have seen that this number has become political. It is being weaponised by the AYUSH side of health workforce, which is pitching that the target can be reached if they are included," he said.

Dr. Lahariya argued that while composite figures are useful in assessing the overall performance, these have limited relevance because there is inequitable distribution. "Within a country, there can be States that have achieved varying ratios per thousand population," he said.

The WHO response stated that the latest estimates for the composite and individual figures can be accessed from the National Health Workforce Accounts Data Portal. **Chart 2** plots the estimated number of doctors per 1,000 population and **Chart 3** plots the estimated number of doctors, nurses and midwives per 1,000 population (the composite figure) using the latest data for countries where they are available.

With 0.7 doctors per 1,000 people, India ranked 118 out of 181 countries in Chart 2. With a composite figure of 3.06 per 1,000 people – behind the 4.45 mark cited by the WHO – India ranked 122 of the 181 countries in Chart 3.

Dr. Kumbhar argued that India has always had a sufficient number of doctors; very few public health experts had ever claimed there was a paucity. It is only recently, after the 1:1,000 ratio came into the picture, that questions are being raised.

The real crisis is not the average number, Mr. Zadey said. "We know that we have a huge rural-urban disparity. In rural areas, we are nowhere close to the ideal composite threshold."

Chart 1: Population served by each doctor as cited in Parliament replies across years

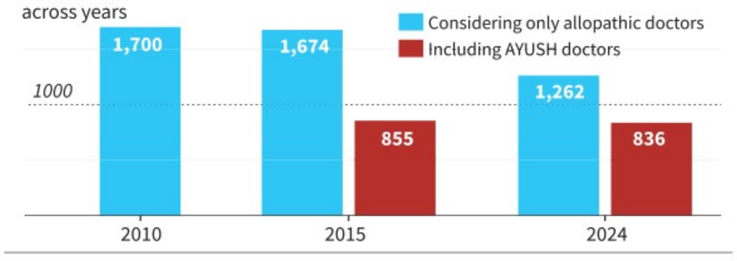


Chart 2: The estimated number of doctors per 1,000 population. Each circle corresponds to a country. Only countries with such data were considered

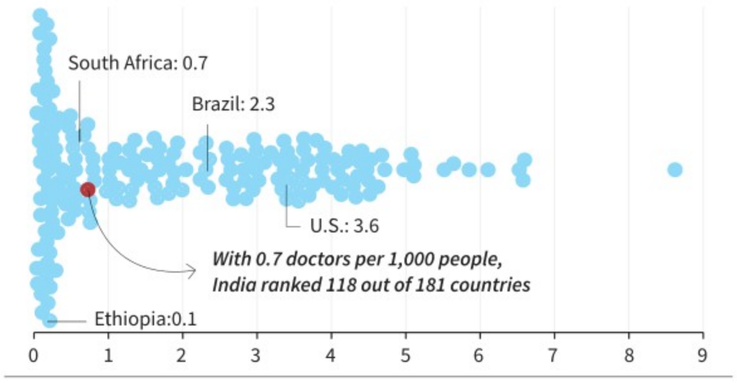
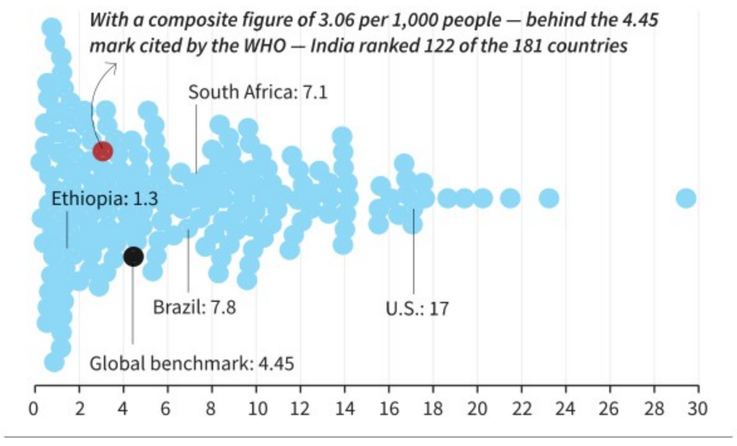


Chart 3: The estimated number of doctors, nurses and midwives per 1,000 population (the composite figure)



FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 25, 1975

Ike and Kennedy 'knew of CIA plots'

Washington, Nov. 24: A key figure in the investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency has said he believes that both Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John Kennedy were aware of assassination plots of foreign leaders, especially the Cuban Prime Minister, Mr. Fidel Castro.

Mr. David Belin, former Executive Director of the CIA Commission investigation headed by the Vice-President Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, said that since the then head of the CIA, Mr. Allen Dulles, was the brother of then Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, during the Eisenhower years, and because Mr. Robert Kennedy was the Attorney-General during his brother's Administration, he "assumed" the Presidents were aware of the plots.

"The Presidents could read between the lines," Mr. Belin said on television, because they were "not naive".

Mr. Belin added the 347-page report issued last Thursday by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence appeared to be "a thorough job" but he felt it went "easy on past Presidents and their knowledge of assassination plots".

"There is evidence in conflict about their knowledge because they were in sophisticated Washington, not the hinterlands," he said.

Mr. Belin, who has served as a senior member of the Warren Commission which investigated the assassination of President Kennedy, called for a Congressional enquiry into the report.

He said he thought the probe would bear out the Commission finding that Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed President Kennedy and that Jack Ruby also was acting alone when he killed Oswald.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 25, 1925

Egyptian politics

Cairo, Nov. 24: All Egyptian provinces, with one or two exceptions, have sent the letters to King Fuad declaring that they unite with the nation in its desire for the revival of representative parliamentary life. If this is not granted it will cause unrest which the provinces know does not accord with His Majesty's wishes. Opposition groups are protesting against the intention of the Ministry to promulgate a new electoral law declaring that the old parliament must stand.

From Page One

Goa tops in digitisation of SIR forms, Kerala lags

In Kerala, a BLO, who complained of stress, was offered to quit SIR duties. However, he has expressed willingness to continue.

A correspondent from *The Hindu* visited a tehsil office in Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh and saw BLOs swarm a camp being run by district authorities to monitor the implementation of the SIR. Most were seeking clarifications from senior officials on uploading of documents.

"How are we supposed to fill so many forms in such a short span of time. I am a teacher. Do I complete the syllabus or fill these forms? I am 55-years-old and do not have the technological wherewithal to understand all this," an anguished Manju Devi told *The Hindu*.

She said she was confused with the process as forms were being distributed only to those who had voted in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "What is the point of conducting the exercise then? When we upload the data, sometimes it throws up similar names," she said.

Bollywood icon Dharmendra no more

Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X that Dharmendra's demise "marks the end of an era in Indian cinema", calling him an iconic actor admired for his versatility, simplicity, and warmth.

He offered condolences to the actor's family, friends, and fans, concluding with 'Om Shanti.'

In her condolence message, President Droupadi Murmu said Dharmendra's demise is "a great loss to Indian cinema", remembering him as one of the most popular actors whose legacy will inspire generations.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah called Dharmendra's passing "an irreparable loss to Indian cinema", praising his six-decade-long career and the ability to bring every character to life. He remembered Dharmendra's humble beginnings and said his art will keep him alive in the hearts of millions.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said he was "shocked" by Dharmendra's passing, calling him the 'He-Man of Bollywood' who ruled hearts with hits such as *Sholay*, *Dharam Veer*, *Chupke Chupke*, and more.

He noted Dharmendra's record of nine hits in a single year and said his dialogues remain unforgettable. Mr. Fadnavis termed the loss "irreparable" and prayed for strength for the actor's family and fans. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said Indian cinema has "lost an immortal icon."

Goa does a U-turn on tiger presence in State

"The protected area is only a corridor whereby the tigers transit from Maharashtra to Karnataka or *vice versa* and the area of Mhadei is only a route, which is used by tigers to transit," the State argued in its petition. "Such 'transitory presence' of tigers in Mhadei was due to very few deer (as prey), and thus, declaring Mhadei sanctuary as a reserve.. would not serve any significant purpose," it said.

The Supreme Court, this September, directed a Central Empowered Committee of the Union Environment Ministry to hear all the "stakeholders" in the matter and submit a report in "six weeks". The Committee has reportedly sought an extension to file this.

The case traces back to 2011, when the Centre and the NTCA made multiple requests to the State of Goa to notify Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS) and certain other adjacent areas as a tiger reserve, but this did not happen. In January 2021, four tigers were found poisoned following which the Goa Foundation, a non-profit, filed a petition for the region to be declared a tiger reserve. Doing so puts the onus on the State to improve protection measures for conservation of animals.

SC to hear plea against cash donations to parties

"But no amount should be received in cash to maintain transparency in political funding," the petition said.

The petitioner argued Section 13A(d) provided a loophole – a well-endowed anonymous contributor could divide a bulk donation to cash amounts up to ₹2,000 each and use multiple fronts to pay a party, especially with digital payments in vogue.

"Section 13A(d) of the Income Tax Act is violative of Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution in as much as receipt of a huge amount of money in cash purportedly below ₹2,000 violates the right to information of the voters about the source of funds of the political parties. The voters have the right to information of all the amounts received by the political parties to enable them to cast their votes with full knowledge of the donors and their antecedents," it contended.

The Bench agreed to list the case after two or three weeks.

The petitioner also sought a mandamus to the EC to scrutinise Form 24A contribution reports of recognised national and regional political parties, and require them to deposit the amount received by way of contributions for which the address and/or PAN number were not furnished.

Wangchuk can join plea against NSA detention: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed climate activist Sonam Wangchuk to join his wife, Gitanjali J. Angmo, in challenging his detention under the National Security Act (NSA) following violent protests on September 24 in Leh.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Justice Aravind Kumar, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the government, sought time to respond to a rejoinder filed by Ms. Angmo, represented by advocate Sarvam Ritam Khare.

Mr. Khare said that since Mr. Wangchuk was himself the detainee, he should have a chance in court. The Bench agreed and adjourned the case to December 8.

The court was earlier scheduled to hear a separate application filed by Ms. Angmo alleging that the Home Ministry was unhappy with Mr. Wangchuk's participation in efforts to address the government on issues of Statehood and Sixth Schedule safeguards for Ladakh. She had argued that the detention of her husband was motivated by "malicious intent".

Justice Surya Kant takes oath as 53rd Chief Justice

All eyes on the SIR case and pendency; he is seen as a judge who leans more towards gently nudging disputes to a resolution over time rather than taking a confrontational approach

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Justice Surya Kant took oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on Monday.

President Droupadi Murmu swore in Justice Kant merely days after Justice Kant, as a member of the 16th Presidential Reference Bench, advised her that neither she nor the State Governors, while dealing with State Bills, are bound by timelines "imposed" by the Supreme Court as in the April 8 judgment in the Tamil Nadu Governor case.

Justice Kant took the oath of office in Hindi.

Both Chief Justice Kant and his immediate predecessor, Justice B.R. Gavai, was recently lauded by Solicitor- General Tushar Mehta for bringing "Indianness" in the courts. Mr. Mehta, in his address, highlighted that their judgment did not refer to foreign precedents of law and drew their reasonings from Indian case laws and legal principles in their verdicts.

President Droupadi Murmu administers the oath of office to Justice Surya Kant as the 53rd Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Chief Justice Kant was appointed to the Supreme Court on the same day as Justice Gavai, on May 24, 2019.

After the oath ceremony, in an act of camaraderieship and respect for the office, Justice Gavai reserved the official vehicle designated for the Chief Justice of India for Chief Justice Kant, ensuring that his successor's maiden journey to the Supreme Court as CJI was in the official car itself.

The Chief Justice is seen as a judge who leans more towards gently nudging disputes to a resolution over time rather than taking a confrontational approach. Justice (as he was then) Kant had resolved the farmers' agitation from the Bench by prodding both sides – the protesting farmers and the Union government – to the negotiating table at a critical point when matters were spiralling with farmers' leaders on an indefinite strike on the borders of Delhi.

Close watch on SIR

Chief Justice Kant's tenure would be closely watched for his handling of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) case. So far, the judicial interventions of his Bench have made the SIR procedure accessible to citizens. But it is yet to take up the basic issue of whether the exercise itself is constitutional or not. Meanwhile, the SIR has expanded from Bihar to its second phase to 12 States and Union Territories and covering 51 crore people.

Justice Kant has been a part of several impactful decisions of the apex court, including the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution which removed the special status to the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Justice Kant was also part of the Bench which held the electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional. He was a member of the Benches which heard the Pegasus spyware case and suspension of the sedition law.

The Chief Justice, who has a tenure of little over a year till his retirement on February 2, 2027, has said his topmost priority would be to bring the pendency of over 90,000 cases in the top court to a manageable number.

Congress hits out at Modi over 'free fall' of rupee

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the rupee's downward slide compared with the U.S. dollar and recalled Mr. Modi's 2013 remarks on the issue when the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) was in power.

On Friday, the rupee plunged 98 paise to close at its lifetime low of 89.66 against the U.S. dollar due to a huge demand for the U.S. currency in the domestic foreign exchange market amid widespread selling pressure in local and global equities and trade-related uncertainties. However, the rupee opened at 89.46 against the dollar before rising to 89.17, up 49 paise from its previous close.

"The rupee continues its free fall in relation to the dollar. It is now about to breach the 90 rupees to the USD low. Does the PM recall what he himself had said in July 2013," Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X. He also shared the 2013 video in which Mr. Modi had mocked the UPA government over falling value of the rupee.

In letter to Chief Ministers of three States, Maoists offer to surrender by February 15

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Deputy CM Vijay Sharma says the request will be considered if the group gives a concrete proposal

The Maharashtra-Madhya Pradesh-Chhattisgarh (MMC) special zonal committee of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) has purportedly written a letter to the Chief Ministers of three States offering to renounce weapons and accept the government's rehabilitation programme by February 15, 2026. They have, however, urged the State governments to halt the security forces' anti-Naxal operations till the date set by them.

"We, the MMC Special Zonal Committee, also wish to renounce the weapon and accept the government's rehabilitation and Poonamargam scheme. However, we request the governments of all three States to give us time. Since our party adheres to the principles of democratic centralism, it will take some time for us to collectively reach this decision," says the letter addressed to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai, Chhattisgarh Home Minister and Deputy CM Vijay Sharma, and Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav.

Pause activities

In the letter issued in the name of MMC zone spokesperson Anant and dated November 22, the Maoists have offered to pause their activities as well.

The MMC has purportedly requested the government to play its contents on the radio for the next few days so that this message can reach their colleagues as soon as possible.

Reacting to the letter, Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma said that the Maoists need to make a concrete offer and also questioned the deadline mentioned in the letter.

"I have seen the letter and also listened to the audio [that has purportedly surfaced alongside the letter]. It does not take this long, and nobody has so much time. They should submit a concrete proposal." he said.

He added that the government was willing to co-operate if a concrete proposal is received within a timeline of 10 to 15 days.

Bengal CM writes to CEC on poll body's initiatives

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Raising questions on certain initiatives issued by the Election Commission (EC), West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday wrote another letter to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and asked whether such measures were undertaken at "the behest of a political party to serve vested interests".

Ms. Banerjee's letter raised objections on two crucial points – Request for Proposal raised by the Chief Electoral Officer's office for hiring data entry operators and software developers for a period of one year, and the proposal to set up polling stations inside private housing complexes. In an earlier letter dated November 20, Ms. Banerjee had urged Mr. Kumar to halt the SIR.

Arunachal woman stopped at China airport; India issues strong demarche

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

India has issued a "strong demarche" to China after a woman from Arunachal Pradesh was harassed and stopped by Chinese immigration officials at the Shanghai airport on November 21. The officials mocked her and told her to "apply for a Chinese passport".

Sources in the External Affairs Ministry said that at a time when both sides are working to improve ties, such actions by the Chinese side introduce unnecessary obstructions to the process.

Prema Thongdok, a principal regulatory consultant working in financial services in London, told *The Hindu* that she was detained at the Shanghai airport for 18 hours, and immigration and airlines staff were "unprofessional and rude", they laughed and mocked calling Arunachal Pradesh a Chinese territory.

Prema Thongdok

Sources in Ministry said that a strong demarche was made with the Chinese side, in Beijing and in Delhi, on the day of the incident and the Indian consulate in Shanghai took up the matter locally and extended assistance to the stranded passenger.

"It was stressed that the passenger had been detained on ludicrous grounds. Arunachal Pradesh is indisputably Indian territory, and its residents are perfectly entitled to hold and travel with Indian passports. It has also been highlighted that the actions of the Chinese authorities are in contravention of the Chicago and Montreal Conventions relating to civil aviation," External Affairs Ministry sources said.

Passenger's ordeal

Ms. Thongdok was flying from London to Japan, transiting via Shanghai and was booked on a China Eastern Airlines flight. She has been residing and working in the United Kingdom for the past 14 years.

"I was travelling from London (Gatwick), United Kingdom to Japan, with a scheduled three-hour transit in Shanghai. Prior to my journey, I had verified with the Chinese Embassy that a transit of less than 24 hours does not require any transit visa... However, upon arrival in Shanghai around 6 a.m. on November 21, immigration officers refused to allow my transit and declared my Indian passport invalid solely because my place of birth is Arunachal Pradesh. They repeatedly insisted that Arunachal Pradesh is part of China," Ms. Thongdok said, adding that she was subjected to harassment, verbal intimidation, and degrading comments.

Ms. Thongdok was ultimately escorted by Indian officials to a flight late in the evening at 10.20 p.m.

INBRIEF

Delhi HC seeks Centre's reply on Christian Michel's plea

The Delhi High Court on Monday sought responses from the Union government on a plea by Christian Michel James, an alleged middleman in ₹3,600-crore AgustaWestland VVIP chopper scam case, challenging a provision of the India-UAE extradition treaty. A Bench of Justices Vivek Chaudhary and Manoj Jain sought response from the Centre to file their objections regarding maintainability of Mr. Michel's petition. Mr. Michel has contested Article 17, which allows India to prosecute an extradited person not only for the offence for which extradition was granted but also for related offences.

Rabri moves Delhi court seeking transfer of case

Former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi on Monday moved to a Delhi court to seek transfer of multiple cases filed against her and her family from the judge who had framed charges against them in the alleged IRCTC scam case. In her application submitted in the court of Principal District and Sessions Judge of the Rouse Avenue Courts, Ms. Devi sought transfer of four cases pending before special Judge Vishal Gogne. The former Chief Minister has accused him of being biased and conducting the trials against her and her family with a premeditated mind. Judge Gogne is now dealing with the alleged scam, cash-for-jobs case and the money laundering proceedings associated with the Yadav family.

RJD issues notices to Bhojpuri singers for 'offensive' songs

The Rashtriya Janata Dal has issued notices to as many as 32 Bhojpuri singers asking them why legal action should not be taken against them for their offensive songs released during the election period. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and NDA leaders too had taken a jibe over these songs played during poll meetings in Bihar warning people of "return of jungle raj". "The RJD has issued notices to as many as 32 Bhojpuri and other dialect singers for songs taking the names of the party and its leaders, including Tejashwi Yadav, without permission to defame the party and its leaders during the election. If a fair response is not given, the party will take legal actions against them," said an RJD leader and spokesperson requesting anonymity.

Last respects: Hema Malini and daughter Esha Deol leave the crematorium after the funeral on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Act of love: A fan mourns outside the Shree Vile Parle Seva Samaj crematorium in Mumbai. AP

Star veterans: Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra on the sets of a television reality show in Mumbai in 2015. PTI

Special recognition: The then President Pratibha Patil presenting the Padma Bhushan to the actor in 2012. PTI

Dashing everyman with the heart of a poet

Dharmendra's rugged charm stood out from the tragic-romantic heroes of earlier decades and the brooding, angry young men who came after him; he believed that truth did not need a technique to convey itself, inspiring a generation of mass entertainers in Hindi and South Indian cinema; despite being repeatedly overlooked by popular film awards, he was later honoured with Padma Bhushan

OBITUARY

Anuj Kumar

The heartbeat of Hindi cinema's golden era, who turned raw instinct into cinematic immortality, Dharmendra passed away in Mumbai on Monday due to age-related ailments at 89.

Tempering fire with vulnerability, Dharmendra embodied a paradoxical masculinity being the He-Man who could shed a tear and the village avenger who recited poetry, thereby humanising the archetype of the Hindi film hero. Dharmendra's swagger, his appeal, wasn't manufactured – it was organic, unbreakable, and enduring.

His rugged charm and effortless masculinity stood out from the tragic-romantic heroes of earlier decades and the brooding, angry young men who emerged after him. Yet, his physical strength was always balanced by a deep emotional sincerity that shone through his expressive eyes.

Dharmendra played some of the most loved characters in Hindi cinema. The unflinching idealist engineer in *Satyakam*, the sensitive poet in *Anupama*, the wronged truck driver in *Pratiggya* seeking justice for his sister, the romantic protector in *Jugnu*, the reluctant saviour in *Mera Gaon Mera Desh*, the loyal friend in *Sholay*, and the prankster professor in *Chupke Chupke*, Dharmendra was perhaps the most adaptable icon of popular Hindi cinema.

Over six decades and 300 films, his ability to deliver one clean hit per decade underscores his longevity. Between 1966 and 1975, he delivered a dozen consecutive hits. Despite the high flop count in the third half of his career, Dharmendra's pull powered many average films to profitability, especially in rural markets, making him Bollywood's most commercially resilient star.

Dharmendra's stardom was built and sustained in the heartland, where his films ran for silver jubilees in single-screen theatres long after they faded from Metros.

Born Dharam Singh Deol on December 8, 1935, in his maternal village Nasrali in Ludhiana district to a Punjabi Jat family, Dharmendra grew up in the nearby town of Sahnewal, where his father, Kewal Kishan Singh Deol, was a school headmaster, and Dangon, his ancestral village in Ludhiana. Dharmendra always celebrated his roots. He would talk about the days when he worked as a tube well operator and tilled the fields.

That's why his unpolished Punjabi-inflected Hindi felt like a neighbour crooning *Main Jat Yamla Pagla Deewana (Pratiggya)*, not a star performing. Still, in another universe, he could be a refined gentleman pouring his heart on paper with *Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas Tum Rehti Ho* (*Blackmail*).

Sheer passion

Discovered through an acting contest run by the *Filmfare* magazine, Dharmendra willed his way into films through sheer passion and perseverance. His story symbolised hope for countless dreamers who longed to make it big in Bollywood.

Though he was a lifelong devotee of Dilip Kumar and saw him as a guiding light, there was no method to Dharmendra's acting.

Instinctive and unstudied, he believed that truth didn't need a technique to convey itself, inspiring a generation of mass entertainers in Hindi and South Indian cinema. When he stood against the corrupt and spoke out against injustice, the public knew Dharmendra would go the whole hog. When he asks Basanti not to dance in front of the dogs, he means it. When he decides to jump off the water tank, the audience knows this guy can very well do it. With Dharmendra, there were no half measures; he would not hold back his punches.

After a sedate start with Arjun Hingorani's *Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere* (1960), he was noticed in Bimal Roy's *Bandini* (1963) in a small but crucial role. However, it was when he blended action with romance in O.P. Ralhan's *Phool Aur Patthar* (1966) that Dharmendra made heads turn and hearts skip a beat. His shirtless presence and electric chemistry with Meena Kumari reversed the idea of male gaze as women sighed and men aspired to be like him. He emerged as a village stud who could be a soulmate, an unpolished gem who won't flirt but declare his love. Later, his boisterous real-life romance with Hema Malini, amplified his irresistible appeal. Over the years, their defiant love story became a symbol of the bond between the north and the south, with Hema Malini winning consecutive elections from Mathura.

Despite the strong image of "Garam Dharam", his comic flair remained unmatched. Even in his testosterone-fuelled films, his comic timing stands out for the way he employs his machismo to subvert expectations, creating humour through contrast, understatement, and impeccable rhythm.

While his image is synonymous with mainstream extravaganzas like Nasir Hussain's *Yaadon Ki Baaraat* (1973), Ramesh Sippy's *Sholay* (1975), Manmohan Desai's *Dharam Veer* (1977), and Anil Sharma's *Hukumat* (1987), his early and mid-career trajectory was profoundly shaped by collaborations with Bengali masters who made Bollywood their home.

Impressed by the honesty that his eyes exuded, Bimal Roy wanted to cast him in *Parakh* (1960) but by then, Dharmendra had returned to his village. When the opportunity for the role of a compassionate prison doctor, who falls in love with the inmate, in *Bandini* (1963) arose, the legendary filmmaker remembered the boy from Punjab. A message was sent, and Dharmendra's life changed. The actor never forgot Roy's contribution to his career. When he bought his first car, he wanted to take Roy for a spin. Somehow it didn't work out, and in the meantime, Roy passed away. Dharmendra would relate this lost opportunity to make his mentor proud with great pain.

'A bankable hero'

Besides Roy, directors with their roots in intellectual and literary traditions including, Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Dulal Guha, Asit Sen, and Pramod Chakravarty, played a pivotal role in transforming Dharmendra into a versatile performer. Their influence helped him navigate the competitive 1970s landscape, where stars like Rajesh Khanna and Amitabh Bachchan threatened to eclipse him. It cemented his status as a bankable hero across genres and streams.

Though he informally invested in some of his films in the 1970s, in the 1980s, he launched a production house named after his daughter, Vijeta, to launch the careers of his sons, Sunny and Bobby Deol.

He was repeatedly subjected to moral scrutiny for reportedly converting to Islam for a brief period to marry Hema Malini without divorcing his first wife. His struggle with liquor and descent to B-grade cinema with a series of duds took away some of the sheen from a sterling career. There was a time in the 1990s when he prioritised quantity over quality and was reduced to a one-note, ageing action sensation, hamming up bombastic dialogues.

Political stint

There was a time when his residence in Mumbai was seen as their own by the farmers of North India. However, his stint in politics, when he was elected as a BJP MP from Bikaner, was short-lived and left him and the electorate disappointed. In recent years, he had become a subject for memes and crass mimicry, but his star power remained undiminished.

Repeatedly ignored at popular film awards, the Padma Bhushan would say in jest that someone who was never considered for the best actor award was deemed suitable for lifetime achievement awards.

In 2001, when he developed a back problem and had to spend a lot of time in the hospital's loneliness, Dharmendra turned to poetry. In later years, he would often come up with impromptu verses to reflect on the deeper meanings of human existence.

Never keen on self-promotion, he consistently radiated warmth and humility, reminding people of his pedigree as a performer, with notable performances alongside a new generation of filmmakers. Sriram Raghavan rekindled his action-romance days with *Johnny Gaddar* (2007), and Anurag Basu touched his emotional core in Life in... Metro (2007). Karan Johar's *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahani* (2023), where he channelled his impish charm, was his last hurrah, and in Sriram's upcoming *Ikkis*, Dharmendra still has one more ace up his sleeve.

The emotional outpouring that we have seen in the past fortnight proves what he would say about himself. "Dharmendra wasn't the best actor, nor was he the biggest star, but he was the most loved."

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Stardom did not change him, says Sharmila Tagore

NEW DELHI

Dharmendra was "just different", a man who stayed connected to his roots and never let stardom change his attitude towards people till the very end, said veteran actor Sharmila Tagore on Monday, remembering her co-star of classics such as *Satyakam* and *Chupke Chupke*. "I did not find any change in him till the end. As an actor, of course, he was wonderful to act with, and in his attitude towards the crowd or people on the set, he was the same affable, cooperative person. He would meet with people, whether rich or poor, with equal warmth. I have seen him hugging a man on the streets without any hesitation," Ms. Tagore said. "He never forgot his roots and would talk about it openly," the veteran actor added. PTI

Dilip *sahab* saw him as a brother, says Saira Banu

MUMBAI

Dharmendra and Dilip Kumar were like brothers who loved playing badminton and were foodies at heart, veteran actor and Dilip Kumar's wife Saira Banu said on Monday.

They starred together twice – first in Dharmendra's only Bengali film *Paari* (1966) and then in its 1972 remake *Anokha Milan*. In both films, Dilip Kumar made cameo appearances. Dharmendra often said Dilip Kumar's 1948 film *Shaheed* had inspired him to become an actor. And when he joined movies, he became friends with the matinee star, who died in 2021 at the age of 98. "Dilip *sahab* considered him like a younger brother. They shared a relationship that went beyond work. We've been there for each other in good and bad times," she added. PTI

> Indian cinema will never be the same, but it will stay strong as if to pay tribute to his life and journey... Here's to you Dharamji. You were, and always will be, a class act
>
> **ANIL KAPOOR**

> He is and will always be a bonafide Legend of Indian Cinema... defining and richly present in the pages of cinema history... but mostly he was the best human being... he was so loved by everyone in our industry
>
> **KARAN JOHAR**

> Farewell, my friend. I will always remember your golden heart and the moments we shared. Rest in peace, Dharamji. My deepest condolences to his family
>
> **RAJINIKANTH**

> The passing of Dharmendraji marks the end of a cinematic era. A legend whose warmth and artistry will live on forever. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones
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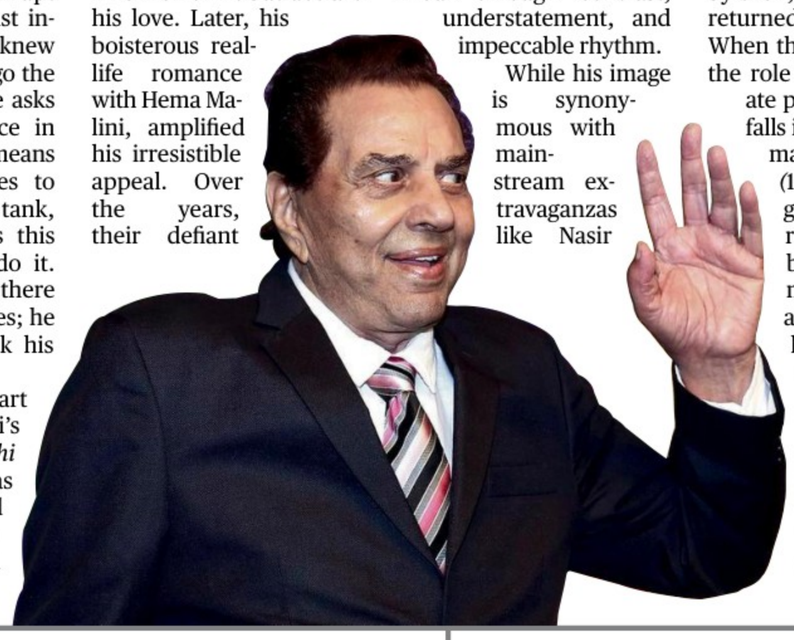
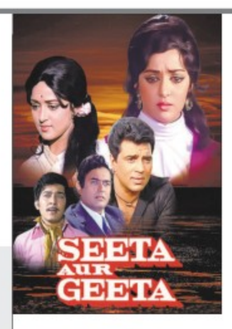


Iconic films

SATYAKAM (1969): Dharmendra plays an incorrigible idealist in Gandhian mould in what is considered one of his finest roles in Indian cinema. It won the National Film Award For Best Feature Film in Hindi that year

MERA GAON MERA DESH (1971): A film about a reformed petty criminal, Ajit (Dharmendra), who falls in love with a girl, Anju (Asha Parekh), and must protect the village from the ruthless dacoit Jabbar Singh (Vinod Khanna)

SEETA AUR GEETA (1972): This comedy drama is about two separated identical twins Seeta and Geeta (Hema Malini) who meet years later and swap places.



Dharmendra plays the role of Raka, who is Seeta's love interest. This film solidified the couple as a favourite pair with fans. Both Dharmendra and Hema Malini starred in more than two dozen movies, including *Dreamgirl, Charas, Aazad, Raja Rani, Tum Haseen Main Jawan, and Razia Sultan*

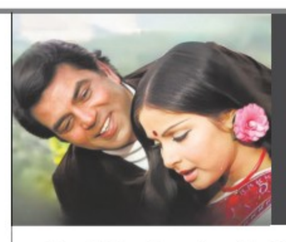
YAADON KI BAARAAT (1973): The film by Nasir Hussain follows three brothers who are separated after their parents are murdered by a gangster. It became a trendsetter for the "lost brother" trope

SHOLAY (1975): In this classic, Dharmendra's playful, emotional and heart on his sleeves Veeru was the perfect foil to Amitabh Bachchan's Jai, who would lower his guards only around his friend. Veeru was the fighter and Jai his perfect wingman

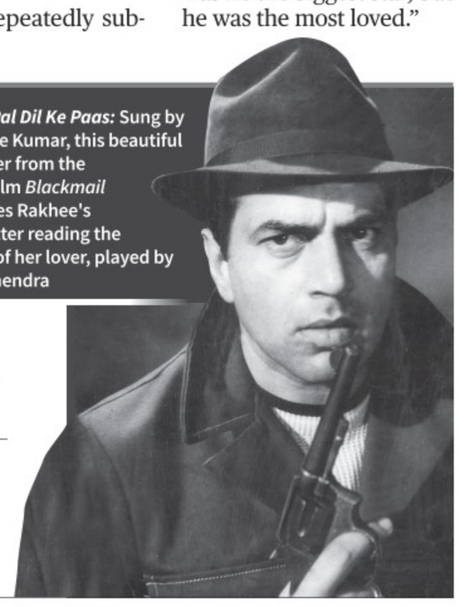
CHUPKE CHUPKE (1975): Dharmendra plays botany professor Parimal Tripathi, who falls in love with Sharmila Tagore's Sulekha. It is one of Dharmendra's most endearing performances. Bachchan teamed up with Dharmendra again in the film that also featured Om Prakash and Jaya Bhaduri

POPULAR SONGS

- ***Aaj Mausam Bada Beimaan Hai:*** Dharmendra romances Mumtaz in this 1973 romantic number sung by Mohammed Rafi, who gave voice to some of the best songs in the actor's career. As a hat tip to Dharmendra's youth, a version of this song also featured in Karan Johar's 2023 film *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahani*, where Dharmendra romances Shabana Azmi
- ***Main Jat Yamla Pagla:*** From the 1975 film *Pratiggya*, which stars Dharmendra, Hema Malini, Ajit, Jagdeep, and Mukri in lead roles. The song is sung by Rafi and music is given by Laxmikant-Pyarelal
- ***Yeh Dosti Hum Nahin:*** The iconic friendship anthem from the 1975 Ramesh Sippy film *Sholay*, by Kishore Kumar, Manna Dey, and R. D. Burman, captures the essence of Jai and Veeru's friendship
- ***Hum Bewafa Hargiz Na They:*** Kishore Kumar crooned this melancholic number for Dharmendra and Zeenat Aman's 1978 bilingual Indo-American film *Shalimar*



- ***Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas:*** Sung by Kishore Kumar, this beautiful number from the 1973 film *Blackmail* features Rakhee's character reading the letter of her lover, played by Dharmendra



INBRIEF

Modi to visit Ayodhya, hoist flag at Ram Temple today

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Ayodhya on Tuesday to ceremonially hoist a flag on the spire of the Ram temple, symbolising the completion of its construction. The event, taking place on the day of *Vivaah Panchami*, will be attended by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. During his visit, Mr. Modi will first greet the people of Ayodhya and then proceed to the temple. At noon, the Prime Minister will hoist the 10-foot-high, triangular saffron flag atop the temple. It will be raised on the Shikhar of the temple, built in the Nagara architectural style.

Probe ordered after Afghan plane lands on wrong runway

A safety breach occurred at the Indira Gandhi International Airport on Sunday when a flight from Kabul landed on the wrong runway, just after another aircraft had taken off. Officials said the aircraft of the Ariana Afghan Airlines was cleared to land on runway 29L, which is reserved for arrivals. However, it mistakenly touched down on the adjacent runway 29R, designated only for departures. Air India flight AI-2243 to Riyadh had taken off from the same strip moments earlier, sources said. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has opened an inquiry to determine whether the lapse was caused by equipment malfunction, pilot error, or miscommunication with the control tower.

Editors Guild of India elects office-bearers for 2025-26

The Editors Guild of India (EGI) has announced its new office-bearers for the 2025-26 term, with *Hardnews* Editor Sanjay Kapoor elected as its president, *The Hindu businessline*'s former Editor Raghavan Srinivasan as general secretary, and *Thumbprint NE* Editor-in-Chief Teresa Rehman as treasurer. The announcement was made by the EGI election committee with Rajdeep Sardesai, Consulting Editor with *India Today*, as its convenor, and Vijay Naik, Consulting Editor of Sakal Media Group, as the member.

SC to examine plea on policy for wrongful imprisonment

The Supreme Court on Monday decided to examine a plea for the formulation of a uniform, national framework that recognises the right to compensation for unjust and arbitrary imprisonment, which culminated in discharge or acquittal. A Bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath issued notice to the Union government on the petition filed by Jawaharlal Sharma, represented by advocate Neha Rathi, to recommend appropriate yardsticks for monetary relief, as well as counselling, livelihood assistance, and social reintegration. The petition sought a dedicated compensation fund to ensure timely and effective relief to such victims. "Arbitrary and prolonged imprisonment of citizens amounts to state-inflicted injustice...," the petition argued.

Navy gets 'silent hunter', 80% home-grown *Mahe*

Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi launches warship, says 'true strength' of the armed forces lies in 'synergy', adds that Army, Navy and Air Force form 'the trinity of India's strategic strength'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

INS Mahe, India's first Mahe-class anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft, was commissioned at the Naval Dockyard by General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff, on Monday.

With over 80% indigenous components, the ship is another step in the Indian Navy's efforts towards achieving self-reliance, the Navy said. The induction was done after long, rigorous trials for over two years, officials said. Due to its stealth and unyielding readiness, *INS Mahe's* motto is 'Silent Hunters'.

This was the first time an Army chief presided over the commissioning of a naval warship. General Dwivedi said that the true strength of the Indian armed forces lay in synergy among the three services.

"In the age of multi-domain operations, the country's ability to act in concert from the depths of the ocean to the highest frontier will determine the security influence of the Indian Republic," he said, adding that Operation Sindoor showcased the seamless harmony between the services.

INS Mahe, the Mahe-class anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Major transformation

The Army chief noted that the force is undergoing a major transformation, with joint-ness and integration serving as key pillars.

"As said by Helen Keller, alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much. So, as a soldier, we are standing among seafarers... The sea, land, and the skies from a single continuum of national security. And together, the Army, Navy and Air Force form the trinity of India's strategic strength," General Dwivedi said.

INS Mahe, the lead ship of eight vessels in its class, has been designed and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.

It will form the first line of coastal defence, integrating seamlessly with larger surface combatants, submarines, and aviation assets to maintain constant vigilance over India's maritime areas of operation.

"Today's ceremony not only marks the induction of a potent new platform to a maritime order of battle, but also reaffirms our nation's increasing capability to design, construct, and field complex combatants with indigenous technology.

This commissioning will significantly augment the Indian Navy's capability to ensure near-sea dominance, strengthen the coastal security grid and safeguard our maritime interests across the vast expanse of our littorals," General Dwivedi said.

Listing out the abilities of the warship, a government statement said, "The ship's combat suite blends multiple systems into a compact yet potent network. She is specially designed to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal and shallow waters. Fitted with advanced weapons, sensors, and communication systems enabling it to detect, track, and neutralise sub-surface threats with precision, the ship can sustain prolonged operations in shallow waters and features technologically advanced machinery and control systems."

Gavi, UNICEF ink deal to provide easy access to malaria vaccine

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) have announced a new agreement that it said will make the R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccines significantly more accessible and affordable, paving the way for protecting more children.

The deal, executed by UNICEF, is expected to generate up to $90 million in savings for Gavi and countries, equivalent to more than 30 million additional doses – enabling full vaccination of nearly seven million more children against malaria over the next five years. It is financed by Gavi through an advance payment, enabled by the innovative International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm) mechanism.

The lower price of the vaccine – at $2.99 per dose – is anticipated to take effect in approximately one year.

Gavi facilitates and finances the procurement, logistics, market shaping and integration of malaria vaccines into national immunisation programmes. To date, over 40 million doses of malaria vaccines have been delivered through the Gavi malaria vaccination programme and are now part of routine immunisation in 24 African countries that together represent more than 70% of the world's malaria burden.

R21/Matrix-M was co-developed by the University of Oxford and Serum Institute of India. AP

UNICEF is the world's largest buyer of vaccines, delivering nearly three billion doses every year.

Prequalified vaccines

The WHO has prequalified two malaria vaccines to-date: R21/Matrix-M (co-developed by the University of Oxford and Serum Institute of India, leveraging Novavax's Matrix-M adjuvant technology) and RTS,S/AS01 (developed by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), PATH and partners).

Assam govt. set to table report on 1983 poll violence

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said an unofficial judicial panel report on the election-related violence in 1983 would be tabled before the 126-member State Assembly.

The report of Justice (retired) T.U. Mehta, constituted by a civil society group, will be tabled along with the official Tribhuvan Prasad Tewary Commission on Monday when the House sits for a five-day session.

The Mehta Commission was set up by the Assam Rajyik Freedom Fighters Association to examine the Nellie massacre and other incidents of violence related to the election in 1983 during the anti-infiltration Assam Agitation (1979-1985), which culminated in the signing of the Assam Accord in 1985.

Press Club concerned over some clauses of Data Protection Act

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Press Club of India (PCI) said on Monday that the "ambiguity and open-ended scope" of certain clauses of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, "escalates the potential for weaponisation of the law manifold".

Expressing "anguish" over the manner in which the DPDP Rules were notified recently, the PCI said it, along with 22 other press bodies, had submitted a Joint Memorandum in June 2025 to the Electronics and Information Technology Ministry in an attempt to engage with the Centre on the law.

"The intention of submitting the Joint Memorandum was two-fold. The first was to engage with the government in the most constructive and democratic manner to help it come out with a model code of implementation (Rules) that did not strangle the functioning of journalists and media organisations in the world's largest democracy," it said.

"The second was to demonstrate that some of the Sections of the DPDP Act, 2023, were riddled with serious ambiguities due to their sweeping definitions and scope. The loosely drafted sections open up numerous possibilities of weaponisation of the law with the purpose of curtailing press freedom," it said.

"We at no stage asked for repealing the law. We are quite aware of the necessity of a law for protecting personal data of citizens in the digital age," it said, adding that the press bodies had submitted a set of 35 questions in August for seeking clarification about the application of certain sections.

India braces for disruption of air travel after Ethiopia's Hayli Gubbi volcano erupts

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

India is bracing for potential disruption to air travel with volcanic ash from Sunday's eruption of Ethiopia's Hayli Gubbi volcano forecast to drift towards mainland India.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued advisories urging airlines to strictly steer clear of affected altitudes and regions to ensure flight safety as volcanic ash can harm aircraft engines due to its abrasive, glass-like particles that melt at high temperatures. When ash is ingested, it can melt on hot engine components, harden into a glass-like substance, and stick to turbine blades. Airlines have also been advised to report any suspected impact of ash on engine performance or cabin smoke or odour.

Ash clouds from the Hayli Gubbi volcanic eruption (in photo) has entered the Indian subcontinent from western Rajasthan. AP

Airports too have been told to inspect runways for contamination and suspend or restrict flight operations, if need be.

Large plumes of smoke were initially visible over Ethiopia though the volcanic eruption stopped. After travelling over Yemen and Oman, ash clouds entered the Indian subcontinent from western Rajasthan on Monday and were moving north-east wards. Over the course of the night, they are expected to sweep across central parts of the country and cross Delhi close to midnight, and travel over parts of Uttar Pradesh, parts of Bihar and in the North East over Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

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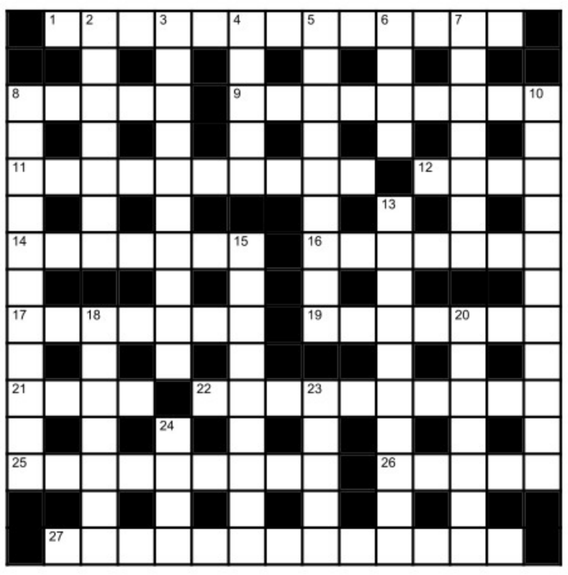

Across

1 Rebellious men stabbed during poll - a shocking way to die? (13)
8 Watery discharge from her gum wound, not good (5)
9 Cash, ring and gem at centre stolen by outlaws (9)
11 Dynamic English icon taking lecture relating to revival of traditional style (10)
12 Test about scientifically classified groups (4)
14 Mixed gin with Italian vermouth - extremely elated and lit (7)
16 Liqueur in party, most dry (7)
17 American author delights at launch in store (7)
19 Contemptible person bit guard, dashed out of university (7)
21 Strange Scottish swindle, billions stolen (4)
22 Frugal person beginning to examine deception by old cheapskate (10)
25 Trooper is running back (9)
26/8D What pole vaulter will do to get lost (4,1,7,4)
27 Model at Ankara, she is extremely skinny (2,4,2,1,4)

Down

2 Recline, swilling old wine (3,4)
3 Fighting about ultimately controversial ending (10)
4 Finally expose bro's bad habits (5)
5 Completely sure of fraud and wrongdoing involving new director (9)
6 Fan reviewed Adele's latest song (4)
7 Characters in most ravaged Czech city (7)
8 See 26 Across
10 Major having a drink with girl on base, a military assembly point (7,4)
13 Atrium refurbished after receiving proper approval (10)
15 Government's disastrous measure isolates America (9)
18 Gives a different part to versatile actress (7)
20 Boy hikes around Cambodia's capital (7)
23 Nasal passages in baboon are slender (5)
24 Engage in game show (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Krishna's affirmation

Krishna's promise in the Bhagavad Gita is a beautiful reminder of the Lord's care for His devotees, said Swami Mitranandaji. The verse, '*Ananyash chintayanto mam ye janah paryupasate tesham nityabhiyuktanam yoga kshemam vahamyaham,*' translates to, "The persons who worship Me, and ever devoted to Me – to them I carry what they lack and for them I preserve what they already have." Krishna highlights that those who are single-pointedly devoted to Him, putting consistent effort to reach Him, will have their needs taken care of. 'Yoga' and 'kshema' refer to acquiring and preserving, respectively. The Lord promises to provide what is needed and protect what is already acquired.

Reflecting on our lives, we see that anxiety and tension often revolve around acquiring what we lack and preserving what we have gained. This constant striving and grasping can distract us from focusing on the Lord. Krishna's message is clear: surrender these intense desires and He will take care of everything.

A beautiful example is Swami Tapovan Maharaj's experience in the Himalayas. Stranded in a dilapidated village, he was visited by three highwaymen. Finding only a copy of the Bhagavad Gita and very simple clothes, they looked around once again, let things be and then turned around and offered him some food that they had with them. Tapovan Maharaj realised that the Lord had come in the guise of the three men who made a living by thievery, merely to feed him. This is but one illustration of the promise by Lord Krishna to His devotees. No matter where they are, or what they are going through.

INBRIEF

Rupee gains 50 paise against U.S. Dollar as RBI steps in

The rupee on Monday appreciated 50 paise to settle at 89.16 against the U.S. dollar as compared with its Friday's close of 89.66, its historic low. "The rupee gained the most among the Asian currencies on likely intervention from the central bank and MSCI index rebalancing related flows. However, the trend and bias remain weak amid foreign fund outflows, widening trade deficit and stronger dollar index against major currencies," said Dilip Parmar of HDFC Securities.

Singapore firm Sembcorp said to plan IPO of Indian unit

Singapore's Temasek-backed Sembcorp Industries has started talks over an initial public offering of its India unit in Mumbai and appointed three investment banks, including Citi and HSBC, three sources familiar with the matter said. Talks are at an early stage and no decision has been made on the size of the offering. The move marks Sembcorp's second attempt to list its India business after withdrawing a draft prospectus in 2019 to inject new equity. REUTERS

SBI Ventures plans ₹2,000 cr. climate-focussed fund

SBI Ventures, an alternative asset manager promoted by State Bank of India (SBI), intends to raise ₹2,000 crore for its third climate-focused fund to invest in start-ups. It will help unlock green growth, a new financial opportunity, SBI Ventures Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Prem Prabhakar said at an event in New Delhi. Domestic and global investors will be roped in for the fund, and the roadshow will start early next year, he said. PTI

'Oct. demand pick-up points to a resilient growth outlook'

Concerns persist about the heightened exuberance in global equity markets, raising questions about its sustainability and its implications for financial stability, officials write in RBI Bulletin

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

A further pick-up in demand conditions witnessed in October 2025 points towards a resilient growth outlook, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials wrote in the November edition of RBI Bulletin released on Monday.

They said despite continued global headwinds, Indian economy showed signs of a further pick up in momentum.

"Available high-frequency indicators for October suggest a robust expansion in both manufacturing and services activities, supported by festive season demand and the ongoing positive impact of the GST reforms," they wrote in the article 'State of the Economy'.

Stating that headline inflation had moderated and fallen to a historic low in October and remained below the target rate, they said it was significantly helped by favourable supply-side factors, including the prospects of a good kharif season and the reduction of GST rates.

Food 'chain': The deflation in the food group deepened on account of a decline in the prices of vegetables, pulses and spices. FILE PHOTO

Inflation moderation

Headline CPI inflation, moderated to 0.3% in October 2025 from 1.4% in September.

The fall in inflation was driven by the deepening of deflation in food prices and impact of the GST rate cut on goods and services prices, amid large favourable base effects, they wrote. The deflation in the food group deepened on account of a decline in the prices of vegetables, pulses and spices. Inflation in subgroups such as cereals, meat and fish, milk and products, eggs, oils and fats, fruits, prepared meals, and non-alcoholic beverages moderated, they added.

"The external sector's capacity to absorb shocks has also improved over time, building resilience amid global trade policy uncertainties," they emphasised in the article.

Pointing to the World Bank's Financial Sector Assessment (FSA) report of October 2025, they said the improved macroeconomic frameworks and outcomes had not only enhanced the ability of financial institutions to support the macroeconomy, but also allowed the Reserve Bank to better calibrate regulatory measures, improve the efficiency of financial intermediation, and augment the flow of credit to the broader economy.

The fiscal, monetary, and regulatory measures undertaken so far this year should pave the way for a virtuous cycle of higher private investment, productivity, and growth, leading to long-term economic resilience, the officials wrote.

"Concerns persist about the heightened exuberance in global equity markets, raising questions about its sustainability and its implications for financial stability," they said.

India, Canada are natural allies, says Goyal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and Canada have "tremendous potential" to work together on critical minerals, nuclear energy, and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said.

This comes a day after the Prime Ministers of the two countries met at the G20 summit and agreed to begin negotiations for a "high-ambition" Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

"Canada and India are natural allies," Mr. Goyal said while addressing the Indo-Canadian Business Chamber in New Delhi.

'Not competing'

"We don't compete with each other, we actually complement each other."

The office of the Canadian Prime Minister also confirmed on Sunday that Mr. Carney had accepted Mr. Modi's invitation to visit India in "early 2026".

"There is a lot we can learn from Canada and a lot that we can offer Canada," Mr. Goyal emphasised.

'Private sector reported 8% YoY sales growth in Q2'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Listed private non-financial companies reported 8% year-on-year (YoY) sales income growth during Q2 FY26 from 5.5% growth seen in the previous quarter and 5.4% growth in Q2 FY25, as per data released by the RBI on Monday. The growth was led by improvement in sales growth across all the major sectors.

Sales of 1,775 listed private manufacturing companies rose 8.5% YoY during Q2FY26 compared with 5.3% in the previous quarter, mainly driven by higher sales growth in automobiles, food products, electrical machinery and chemicals industries.

IT companies recorded a rise of 7.8% YoY in their sales during Q2FY26 from 6% in the previous quarter.

Sales of non-IT services companies recorded a double-digit growth of 10.6% in Q2FY26 compared with 7.5% growth in the previous quarter, primarily due to higher sales growth recorded by wholesale and retail trade companies. Manufacturing companies' expenses on raw material rose 9% YoY during Q2FY26 in consonance with their sales growth; raw material to sales ratio increased to 55.9% from 54.1% in the previous quarter.

Staff cost of manufacturing, IT and non-IT services companies rose by 9.2%, 6% and 8.9%, respectively during Q2FY26, higher than the previous quarter.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,901	-0.39
US Dollar	89.16	0.55
Gold	1,25,400	-0.55
Brent oil	62.87	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2399.20	-23.10
Adani Ports	1485.90	6.10
Apollo Hosp	7354.50	-36.50
Asian Paints	2879.20	2.60
Axis Bank	1269.00	-6.80
Bajaj Auto	9007.50	115.50
Bajaj Finserv	2030.80	-21.60
Bajaj Finance	994.00	-10.10
Bharat Elec	403.80	-12.55
Bharti Airtel	2152.10	-10.60
Cipla	1504.00	-7.80
Coal India	372.55	-5.65
Dr Reddys Lab	1226.20	-17.70
Eicher Motors	7258.50	124.00
Eternal Ltd.	301.00	-0.95
Grasim Ind	2688.70	-46.10
HCL Tech	1610.40	2.40
HDFC Bank	999.15	1.10
HDFC Life	761.65	-2.35
Hindalco	774.65	-3.05
Hind Unilever	2424.20	-9.50
ICICI Bank	1368.40	-1.10
IntGlobeAvi	5805.50	-38.00
Infosys	1548.00	3.00
ITC	403.55	-4.30
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	299.85	-3.70
JSW Steel	1106.00	-34.30
Kotak Bank	2087.30	-0.50
L&T	4013.30	-11.60
M&M	3690.80	-58.80
Maruti Suzuki	15958.00	-19.00
Max Healthcare	1155.80	-25.30
NestleIndia	1269.20	-11.50
NTPC	323.45	-3.20
ONGC	245.75	-1.20
PowerGrid Corp	275.80	-1.80
Reliance Ind	1535.90	-10.70
SBI Life	2014.80	-7.70
State Bank	970.60	-2.00
Shriram Finance Ltd.	828.20	4.90
Sun Pharma	1780.80	1.10
TataConsumerProduct	1186.00	2.90
Tata Steel	165.36	-2.64
TCS	3141.20	-9.40
Tech Mahindra	1494.70	33.20
Titan	3874.30	-29.90
Tata Motors PV	358.30	-3.95
Trent Ltd.	4310.90	-48.20
UltraTech Cement	11584.00	-145.00
Wipro	247.27	2.78

Afghanistan offers tax exemption to investors

Afghanistan Industry and Commerce Minister Alhaj Nooruddin Azizi on Monday said his government is ready to offer five years of tax breaks to firms investing in new sectors. PTI

SC to quash Sandesaras' fraud cases on payment of ₹5,100 cr. by Dec. 17

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court (SC) directed quashing all criminal proceedings against the fugitive Sandesara brothers in the Sterling Biotech bank fraud case, if they deposit ₹5,100 crore as a 'full and final payment' to lender banks.

"If the petitioners (Sandesara brothers) are ready to deposit the amount as settled in the one-time settlement (OTS), and public money comes back to lender banks, the continuation of the criminal proceedings would not serve any useful purpose," said a Bench headed by J.K. Maheshwari, taking a pragmatic approach.

The SC clarified the directions in the case shall not be treated as a precedent.

However, the SC clarified its directions were based on the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, and 'therefore, they shall not be treated as a precedent'.

The court made it clear that its order quashing the criminal proceedings against the brothers would become operative only on the full and final payment of ₹5,100 crore on or before December 17, 2025.

The Bench directed the amount to be deposited with the Supreme Court Registry and kept in a short-term and interest-bearing fixed deposit account with a nationalised bank till disbursement among the lender banks.

The order recorded the amount of defalcation in the FIR was ₹5,383 crore. The OTS, with respect to the petitioners' Indian firms, with the banks was for ₹3,826 crore and for foreign firms, being guarantor, was for ₹2,935 crore, bringing the total sum to ₹6,761 crore.

"Out of the said amount, the petitioners voluntarily deposited a fraction of the total amount, which comes to around ₹3,507.63 crore, leaving the remaining dues to ₹3,253.37 crore," the court observed.

The lender banks initiated proceedings under Insolvency Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and recoveries of ₹1,192 crore were made. However, of the total OTS amount, the upaid balance came to ₹2,061.37 crore.

The turning point in the case came when the Solicitor General, representing the government and the probe agencies, submitted a demand for ₹5,100 crore and the brothers agreed to pay the amount.

'Anti pilot-poaching plan in India's interest'

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Policies that support pilot retention and prevent their poaching by foreign carriers is in "national interest" as aviation is a catalyst for economic development and the country's "soft power", Air India CEO Campbell Wilson said.

"It is not just a turnaround of Air India. It's an investment being made in critical, economic, and catalytic infrastructure. And, anything from a policy perspective that can facilitate this, I think is in the national interest," Mr. Wilson said in response to a question from *The Hindu* on whether the airline supported measures such as a six-month notice period for pilots to stop them from joining international players amid hectic expansion in regions like Saudi Arabia and the UAE that lure pilots with tax-free salaries.

Campbell Wilson

Recently, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said it would be "disturbing" to lose Indian pilots to foreign airlines.

Grahaa gets nod for nano satellite launch

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Grahaa Space, a Bengaluru-based spacetech startup, obtained authorisation from Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to launch its maiden nano satellite mission called Solaras S2, as technology demonstration by the end of November.

The launch will happen from Alcântara Space Center (CEA) in Brazil through the Hanbit-Nano launch vehicle developed by Korea-based Innospace, according to the company.

"Solaras S2 mission will qualify our nano satellite bus and platform and allow us to assess the performance. It is a focused technical step that confirms our readiness for the next phase," said Ramesh Kumar V, founder and CEO, Grahaa Space. This progress has been possible with the support of TIIC incubation centre at IIST Trivandrum and IN-SPACe.

The launch will happen from Alcântara Space Center (CEA) located in Brazil

"The upcoming missions scheduled for early 2026 with Skyroot will qualify the communications module, gather geo spatial data from the optical payload and establish inter-satellite links."

PORT SUDAN

Sudan's top general rejects 'Quad' ceasefire proposal citing UAE role

AP

Sudan's Army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan said on Sunday the truce plan sent by U.S. envoy Massad Boulos on behalf of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates was the "worst yet" and unacceptable. He accused Mr. Boulos of parroting talking points from Abu Dhabi, which has been accused of arming the RSF. AFP

SYDNEY

Australian politician prompts fury with burqa antics in Parliament

REUTERS

A far-right Australian politician sparked outrage on Monday after donning a burqa at the country's Parliament, in a display that other lawmakers slammed as "racist". Pauline Hanson, belonging to the anti-immigration One Nation party, was seeking to introduce a bill in the Senate that would ban full face coverings. AFP

BEIJING

Xi, Trump speak over phone, discuss bilateral ties, Taiwan

ANI

Chinese leader Xi Jinping and U.S. President Donald Trump spoke on bilateral cooperation and the issue of Taiwan in a phone call on Monday, Beijing's official media said. Mr. Trump praised "extremely strong" ties in a social media post after the call. He confirmed a visit to China in April and that Mr. Xi will come to Washington in 2026. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Ruling PML-N sweeps by-elections in Pakistan, initial results suggest

AP

The ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) swept the by-elections on Sunday, winning 12 out of 13 seats, according to unofficial results. Polls were held for six National Assembly (NA) seats and seven seats in Punjab's Provincial Assembly. All NA seats were in Punjab except one in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. PTI

U.S. and Ukraine working on 'refined' peace framework to end Russia war

Both countries seek to narrow differences over the Trump plan in Geneva talks; the U.S. President's proposal is viewed as tilted in Russia's favour; European officials welcome progress in talks; Kremlin says nothing has been officially conveyed to it

Reuters
KYIV/GENEVA

The United States and Ukraine sought on Monday to narrow the gaps in a peace plan to end the war with Russia after agreeing to modify a U.S. proposal that Kyiv and its European allies saw as a Kremlin wish list.

Washington and Kyiv said in a joint statement they had drafted a "refined peace framework" after talks in Geneva on Sunday. Though no specifics were given, the talks received a cautious welcome from some of Ukraine's allies.

European officials said on Monday they were comforted by the outcome of discussions on proposals that they had viewed as tilted in Russia's favour.

"The negotiations were a step forward, but there are still major issues which remain to be resolved," Finnish President Alexander Stubb wrote on social platform X about Sunday's meeting.

Ukraine's delegation to the talks with U.S. officials in Switzerland was returning home on Monday to report back, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

Unending plight: A Russian drone strike killed four and wounded 17 in Kharkiv, Ukraine on Sunday. AFP

U.S. President Donald Trump hinted at new progress.

"Is it really possible that big progress is being made in Peace Talks between Russia and Ukraine??? Don't believe it until you see it, but something good just may be happening," Mr. Trump wrote on Truth Social.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz welcomed the "interim result" of the talks, saying the U.S. proposal "has now been modified in significant parts." He cautioned, however: "It was possible to clear up some questions, but we also know that there won't be peace in Ukraine overnight."

The U.S. blindsided Kyiv and European countries with a 28-point peace plan last week, giving Ukraine until Thursday to agree to a framework to end Europe's deadliest war since World War II.

After Sunday's talks, no public statement was released on how the revised plan would handle contentious issues such as how to guarantee Ukraine's security against future Russian threats, or how to fund the rebuilding of Ukraine. Mr. Zelenskyy said negotiations were ongoing.

The Kremlin said nothing had officially been conveyed to Russia. "We are, of course, closely monitoring the media reports that have been pouring in from Geneva over the past few days, but we have not yet received anything official," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

'Bring Russia onboard'

Mr. Merz said Moscow must now become engaged in the process.

"The next step must be that Russia must come to the table," he said in Luanda, Angola, where he was attending a summit between African and European Union countries.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said more work needed to be done. "Everybody is absolutely focused on what we need to get out of this, and that is a just and lasting peace."

The Geneva meeting offered some hope for Kyiv. "Diplomacy has been reinvigorated, and that's good. Very good," Mr. Zelenskyy said late on Sunday.

"We all continue working with partners, especially the United States, to look for compromises that will strengthen but not weaken us," Mr. Zelenskyy said via video link from a separate meeting of Ukraine's allies in Sweden.

German Foreign Minister Johannes Wadephul said U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio "made decisive positive contributions to ensuring that this plan can be accepted by both the European and Ukrainian sides."

Mr. Rubio said on Sunday the talks were "very worthwhile" and constituted the most productive day in "a very long time." "I feel very optimistic that we can get something done," Mr. Rubio said.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's second-largest city Kharkiv was hit by what officials said was a massive drone attack that killed four people and wounded 17 on Sunday.

(With inputs from The Associated Press)

Canada plans citizenship rejig; Indian-origin families to benefit from new rules

Press Trust of India
OTTAWA

Canada has moved closer toward modernising citizenship-by-descent law, after a Bill to amend the act received royal assent, in a move that is likely to affect thousands of Indian-origin families.

Bill C-3, an Act to amend the Citizenship Act (2025), has received royal assent.

This represents an important milestone in making the Citizenship Act more inclusive, while maintaining the value of Canadian citizenship, said a news release issued by the Canadian government on Friday.

"Once the new law comes into force, Canadian citizenship will be provided to people born before the Bill comes into force, who would have been citizens if not for the first-generation limit or other outdated rules of past legislation", the news release said.

The first-generation limit to Canadian citizenship by descent was introduced in 2009. It means that a child born or adopted outside Canada is not a Canadian citizen by descent if their Canadian parent was also born or adopted outside Canada.

Bill C-3, an Act to amend the Citizenship Act (2025), has received royal assent.

This limit caused problems for many Indian-origin Canadians whose children were born out of the country, people who know the matter say.

The new law will also allow a Canadian parent born or adopted abroad to pass citizenship on to their child born or adopted outside Canada on or after the date the Bill comes into force, provided they have a substantial connection to Canada, the release said.

"Bill C-3 will fix long-standing issues in our citizenship laws and bring fairness to families with children born or adopted abroad. It will provide citizenship to people who were excluded by previous laws, and it will set clear rules for the future that reflect how modern families live. These changes will strengthen and protect Canadian citizenship," Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Lena Metlege Diab said.

'Unconstitutional'

On December 19, 2023, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice declared that key parts of the Citizenship Act relating to the first-generation limit to citizenship by descent were unconstitutional.

The Government of Canada did not appeal the ruling, as it agreed the law had unacceptable outcomes for children of Canadians who were born outside the country.

"By updating the Citizenship Act to reflect the global mobility of modern Canadian families, the federal government has made access to citizenship more fair and reasonable," said Don Chapman, Founder of the Lost Canadians.

Israeli military sacks several generals over Oct. 7 attack

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel's military announced the dismissal of three generals and disciplinary actions against several other senior officers over their failure to prevent the October 7 assault by Hamas, the deadliest attack in the country's history resulting in 1,221 deaths.

The move comes two weeks after Israeli military chief Eyal Zamir called for a "systemic investigation" into the failures that led to the onslaught, even as the government stalled on setting up an inquiry panel despite public pressure.

The list of generals fired included three divisional commanders, one of whom was then serving as the military intelligence chief. A military statement released on Sunday said they bore responsibility for the armed forces' failure to prevent the attack launched by Hamas from the Gaza Strip in 2023.

It remains to be seen how or if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu might also be pinned with blame for having a role in the inability to prevent the onslaught.

Israel's retaliatory assault on Gaza has killed at least 69,756 people.

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Item No.	Name of Work	IBM Value
1.	Construction of Patigadda ROB-Deposit work	Rs. 30.05 Crores
2.	Construction of RK Puram ROB-Deposit work	Rs. 26.18 Crores
	Total:	Rs.56.23 Crores

S.No.	Events:	Date and Time
1.	Start date	27-11-2025 from 04.00 PM
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting	04-12-2025 at 03.00 PM Location: O/o Chief Engineer (Projects), GHMC, 6th Floor, GHMC Head Office Tank Bund, Hyderabad
3.	Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids	12-12-2025 upto 03.00 PM
4.	Opening of Technical bid	12-12-2025 after 04.00 PM
5	Opening of Price bid	15-12-2025 after 04.00 PM

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1) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3479/CALL-2 Dated: 14.11.2025 Upgradation / replacement of existing spark gap HEA ignition system by Thyristor based ignition system for HFO/LDO oil elevation - Unit-2-BTPS. **EMD: Rs.1,30,235/-** Last date and time for receipt of tender: **01.12.2025 at 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (I&C),** Mobile: 094482 90737.

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4) Tender No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT3692 Dated: 18.11.2025 Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Two set of Activated Carbon Filter (ACF) and Weak Acid Cation (WAC) for existing DM plant-2 on Turn key basis. **EMD: Rs.24,75,000/-.** Last date for submission of tender: **17.12.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (CAM-2),** Mobile: 94808 30627.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Yadgir.

NO COMPULSION

I am happy to bat wherever the team wants me: Washington

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Washington Sundar, who played at No. 3 in Kolkata, batted at No. 8 at Guwahati. "I am happy to bat wherever the team wants me to. That way, it's much more exciting. This is a team game. Many strategies go into the game depending on the conditions and the opposition. It is very tactical at times," Washington said.

IN HINDSIGHT

'I would rather get caught on the boundary than get out defending'

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Marco Jansen, who made 93 and took six wickets, said he rued missing a century after chopping the ball onto the stumps while trying to guide the ball in the slip region. "I've never been in the 90s in First Class cricket, so I was nervous. The next time I'd rather get caught on the boundary than defending or trying to push for a one".

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

India women clinch second straight Kabaddi World Cup

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Indian women's kabaddi team on Monday secured its second consecutive World Cup title with a 35-28 win over Taiwan in Dhaka. India emerged on top in a tournament involving 11 countries. India had beaten Iran 33-21 to enter the summit clash. Taiwan, on the other hand, defeated hosts Bangladesh 25-18 in the semifinals.

INSPIRATIONAL

PM Modi hails the Indian blind women's team's T20 WC triumph

AFP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday congratulated the Indian cricket team which won the T20 Blind Women's World Cup. "Congratulations to the Indian Blind women's team for creating history! This is a shining example of hard work and determination. This feat will inspire generations to come," he posted on *X*.

Pedestrian India implodes as Jansen breathes fire

The left-arm pacer's six-wicket haul helps the Proteas bowl out the host for 201; Washington and Kuldeep battle it out but South Africa holds the upper hand; Bavuma doesn't enforce the follow-on

SA IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
GUWAHATI

Kuldeep Yadav, on day two, called the pitch at the ACA stadium a "road" after South Africa amassed 489. A day later, though, India's batters made the 22-yard strip look far more menacing than it actually was.

A 45-minute passage of play on either side of the tea interval on the morning of day three on Monday pushed India into an abyss as South Africa tightened its vice-like grip on the second and final Test.

For the second day in succession, it was Marco Jansen who starred for the visitors, scalping six wickets (19.5-5-48-6) to help bowl out India for 201.

Despite a healthy 288-run lead, Temba Bavuma did not enforce the follow-on. South Africa went to stumps on 26 for no loss in its second essay and is ahead by 314.

Double act

Jansen, whose quickfire 93 in the first innings swelled the Proteas' total, made full use of his height to bounce out the Indian batters.

Resuming at nine for no loss, the home team needed to mix caution and aggression to secure a positive outcome in this fixture and level the series. Instead, India imploded, losing six wickets for 27 runs in 11.1 overs, going from 95 for one to 122 for seven.

The hosts, though, started positively with openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and K.L. Rahul adding 65 in quick time. Jaiswal wasted no time in attacking the spinners and brought out the sweep, collecting two boundaries and a six en route his half-century.

Just as India was motoring along at nearly four an over, Keshav Maharaj got one to spin and jump to hit the shoulder of Rahul's bat, with Aiden Markram grabbing an easy one at slip – the first of his five catches.

The South African tweakers were slower through the air and found more purchase than their Indian counterparts, with the turn and bounce keeping the batters guessing.

Lettin' it rip: Jansen troubled the Indian batters with his bounce. RITU RAJ KONWAR

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA — 1ST INNINGS
489 in 151.1 overs.

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Jansen b Harmer 58 *(97b, 7x4, 1x6)*, K.L. Rahul c Markram b Maharaj 22 *(63b, 2x4)*, B. Sai Sudharsan c Rickelton b Harmer 15 *(40b, 2x4)*, Dhruv Jurel c Maharaj b Jansen 0 *(11b)*, Rishabh Pant c Verreynne b Jansen 7 *(8b, 1x6)*, Ravindra Jadeja c Markram b Jansen 6 *(18b)*, Nitish Kumar c Markram b Jansen 10 *(18b, 1x4)*, Washington Sundar c Markram b Harmer 48 *(92b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Kuldeep Yadav c Markram b Jansen 19 *(134b, 3x4)*, Jasprit Bumrah c Verreynne b Jansen 5 *(17b, 1x4)*, Mohammed Siraj (not out) 2 *(6b)*; Extras (lb-8, nb-1): 9; Total (in 83.5 overs): 201.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-65 (Rahul, 21.3 overs), 2-95 (Jaiswal, 32.2), 3-96 (Sai Sudharsan, 34.3), 4-102 (Jurel, 35.3), 5-105 (Pant, 37.2), 6-119 (Nitish, 41.4), 7-122 (Jadeja, 43.3), 8-194 (Washington, 78.1), 9-194 (Kuldeep, 81.5).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Jansen 19.5-5-48-6, Mulder 10-5-14-0, Maharaj 15-1-39-1, Harmer 27-6-64-3, Markram 10-1-26-0, Muthusamy 2-0-2-0.

SOUTH AFRICA — 2ND INNINGS
Ryan Rickelton (batting) 13 *(25b, 1x4)*, Aiden Markram (batting) 12 *(23b, 2x4)*; Extras (b-1): 1; Total (for no loss in eight overs): 26.

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 3-0-13-0, Siraj 3-1-8-0, Jadeja 1-0-2-0, Kuldeep 1-0-2-0.

Around 20 minutes before tea, Simon Harmer got into action. Jaiswal, batting well on 58, was surprised by a delivery from the off-spinner that bounced a tad more and found the leading edge. Jansen completed a good catch diving forward.

Flurry of wickets

B. Sai Sudharsan, back at No. 3, failed to capitalise on the opportunity, pulling a long-hop from Harmer to short-midwicket.

In the last over before the break, Dhruv Jurel inexplicably tried to pull Jansen from outside off-stump and was snapped up at mid-on.

Having lost three wickets in 20 balls, India needed to be a bit watchful, but skipper Rishabh Pant charged down to Jansen and nicked it behind while attempting a wild heave.

The left-arm pacer then removed Nitish Kumar and Ravindra Jadeja in consecutive overs, both caught in the cordon trying to fend well-directed short-pitched deliveries.

By the time the lanky left-armer finished his second spell (8-1-18-4), India was in dire straits. From there, Washington Sundar (48) and Kuldeep Yadav forged a 72-run alliance for the eighth wicket. Washington, pushed down to No. 8 from No. 3, gave a good account of his strong technique yet again, handling the spinners with aplomb using his long reach. Kuldeep, too, looked assured, and the duo showed great application while stitching a vital partnership.

But in the final session, Jansen closed out the innings after taking the second new ball and finished with a well-deserved five-for, the fourth of his career.

The slide continues: Pant fell cheaply, becoming Jansen's second victim. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Today was one of those days when everything clicked, says Jansen

S. Dipak Ragav
GUWAHATI

At 6'8'', South Africa's Marco Jansen is a towering figure. On Monday, he stood tall for his country, finishing with a rousing six-wicket haul on day three of the second Test here.

Height an advantage

His high-arm release and the ability to generate awkward bounce from a slightly fuller length leaves batters suffocating as India found out.

The 25-year-old put the bouncer to good use, which gave him four of his six wickets.

Going with the flow

"To be honest, we just said we're going to try. It wasn't nipping as much as in Kolkata and wasn't squatting as well. We had to figure out a plan, and I think when I got my first wicket with a bouncer, we said: 'let's see how long this is going to work for,' and yeah, it just came off," said Jansen.

The left-arm pacer was also pleased to have finally found success in India, which he felt had been a difficult place for him in the past.

"I have always struggled bowling in India, whether it was white ball or red ball.

"I am jealous of people who are short and can get the ball to squat and nip back. Since I'm so tall, for me it goes over the stumps," he added.

Extract more

"At the same time, when there's a wicket with a bit of pace and bounce, then I get to extract more out of it.

"I have tried to learn what's going to work for me and help me perform to the best of my ability. Today was just one of those days I got the pace and the bounce out of the wicket... everything clicked. As a player, you take those days and run with it".

It was a good wicket... there were runs to be made, says Washington

S. Dipak Ragav
GUWAHATI

With the series on the line, India finds itself in deep trouble after another disappointing batting performance against South Africa here on Monday. Having been bowled out for 201, all-rounder Washington Sundar admitted there were no demons in the pitch and felt there were runs to be made.

"It was a very good wicket and a true wicket. You don't often get to bat on such tracks, especially in India. If you spend time, there are runs to be made," said Washington, who was the second-highest scorer (48).

Batters like Dhruv Jurel and Rishabh Pant perished to expansive shots when the situation needed a calmer approach. When asked if there were prior plans to be aggressive and score at a brisk pace, Washington said there were no such targets.

"If we were in a scenario where we had lost only four to five wickets today, then we could have planned for tomorrow as we bat quite deep. I don't think there were any plans as to how much we needed to get today," he said.

But the 26-year-old defended the shot selection of the batters. "On another day, both [Pant and Jurel's] shots would have gone into the stands, and we would have appreciated and clapped. That's how it is".

Wei, Sindarov settle for a 50-move draw

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

It was perhaps only fitting that Abhinav Bindra made the ceremonial opening move at the Chess World Cup on Monday. Like chess, shooting too is a lonely sport.

It was the first game of the final of what is one of the biggest events in the mind game's calendar, and India's first-ever individual gold medallist at the Olympics made the first move for Javokhir Sindarov, taking the 'e' pawn two squares forward at Resort Rio.

A little earlier, while talking to reporters, the articulate Bindra had said that he was more of a follower of chess players and than the game itself. For the game's followers, who are growing in numbers rapidly in India, there may not have been too much excitement in the final's first encounter.

But it had its moments before Wei and Sindarov decided to split the point after 50 moves; the opposite-coloured bishop ending.

This was the first time ever that Wei and Sindarov were coming face to face in the classical format. The Chinese, not for the first time here, opted for Petrov's Defence, and managed to create a promising position, but he didn't really press, as he opted to capture the knight instead of a pawn, taking which would have given him more to play for.

Stalemate: Sindarov and Wei chose to play it safe. FIDE

The stakes are high in the other match, too. And Andrey Esipenko, after making that terrible blunder against Wei that cost him a place in the Candidates, should be feeling better.

The Russian beat Nodirbek Yakubboev to take a 1-0 lead in the third-place playoff.

This time, playing from the white side of a Sicilian Defence (Four Knights), he was the beneficiary of some weak moves under time pressure from his opponent, in a rook-and-minor-piece ending. The Uzbek resigned on the 38th move, when he was about to lose his knight.

The results:

Final: Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb) drew with Wei Yi (Chn).
Third-place playoff: Andrey Esipenko (Rus) bt Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb).

Next decade will be for sports in India: Bindra

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

He ended a country's embarrassingly long wait in 2008. Abhinav Bindra, who won India's first individual gold medal at the Beijing Olympics, believes the world's biggest Games have to come to India one day.

"I think there is no doubt that the Olympic Games will come to India," said Bindra, who was here to make the ceremonial opening move of the Chess World Cup final. "I think it is only a matter of time. The Games will eventually come."

"It is a good thing that we are bidding [for the 2036 Olympics] and we are going into that journey," he said.

"I think there are double-digit countries that are currently interested in hosting the Games. Most bids will fail."

The former shooter feels it is important that India uses the bid well. "If we win, fantastic, but even if we don't get it, sport must win and must go forward," he said.

"We are already seeing signs of that happening, like the sports governance bill. There is a little bit more sense of purpose which we are seeing all around." He is hopeful of India's future in sport. "I believe that the next decade will also be a decade for sport in this country," he said.

"Sport will develop more. We are seeing that our youth, which is such a large demographic, the consumption, whether people are just watching as spectators or actively participating in it, that number is rising."

Sowing the seeds: Bindra believes that when schools provide opportunities, participation in elite sports will increase. FIDE

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Bindra said more people should play.

"When children get more opportunities in schools, to experience playing, just not to become some champion or Olympic gold medallist, just the experience of sport is needed to become healthier, and imbibe values," he said.

"When these opportunities increase, automatically the by-product, that is, participation in elite sports will also increase".

INBRIEF

Ansh, Shaina reign supreme at junior National badminton

Ansh Negi and Shaina Manimuthu emerged the boys' and girls' singles champions at the Yonex Sunrise 48th junior National badminton, which concluded in Itanagar on Monday.

The results: Singles: Boys: Ansh Negi bt Suryaksh Rawat 18-21, 22-20, 21-11; **Girls:** Shaina Manimuthu bt Tanoo Chandra 17-21, 22-20, 21-13; **Doubles: Boys:** A.R. Sumith & C. Lalramsanga bt Bhargav Ram & Viswa Tej Gobburu 21-13, 21-12; **Girls:** K. Vennala & U. Reshika 21-16, 21-9; **Mixed doubles:** Vansh Dev & Angel Punera bt Bhavya Chhabra & Vishakha Toppo 22-20, 21-19.

Pranjali claims 25m pistol gold, her third medal

India's Pranjali Prashant Dhumal clinched gold in the women's 25m pistol, her third medal, in the Deaflympics in Tokyo on Monday. She had earlier won gold in the mixed pistol with Abhinav Deshwal, and silver in air pistol. Mosina Halyna of Ukraine won silver and Jeon Jiwon of Korea took bronze. Anuya Prasad was fourth. Pranjali had qualified for final with a new qualification world record and Deaflympic record 573/600.

TGF to conduct a nationwide EWS golf Talent Hunt

The Golf Foundation (TGF) will conduct the third edition of its nationwide EWS (Economically Weaker Section) Talent Hunt 2025-26, a grassroots golf-identification initiative that covers children belonging to families whose income is less than ₹8 lakh per annum. TGF will hold on-range talent identification camps in 36 cities across India. Across range, school programmes, TGF aims to screen 1,500 to 1,800 children. Those shortlisted will join twice-a-week training sessions at regional golf facilities until the first week of January 2026 before the final selection round. The 30-odd shortlisted finalists will enter TGF's long-term pathway, where ₹3.5 lakh to ₹5lakh will be allocated per kid per annum from an overall yearly budget of approximately ₹2 crore.

Champions League schedule

Ajax vs Benfica; Galatasaray vs Union St.-Gilloise *(both matches at 11.15 p.m. on Tuesday).*
Bodo/Glimt vs Juventus; Dortmund vs Villarreal; Chelsea vs Barcelona; Manchester City vs Bayer Leverkusen; Marseille vs Newcastle United; Napoli vs FK Qarabag; Slavia Prague vs Athletic Club. *(all matches at 1.30 a.m. on Wednesday).*

LIVE TELECAST

India vs South Africa: 2nd Test, day 4, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 9 a.m.
Chess World Cup: FIDE YouTube channel, 3 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3 & LIV, 11.15 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Wednesday).

Cobolli's comeback win leads Italy to a three-peat

He defeats Munar in a thrilling match to secure an unassailable lead after Berrettini gets the better of Busta; the host makes light of the absence of World No. 1 Sinner and Musetti

DAVIS CUP

Agence France-Presse
BOLOGNA

Italy claimed a third Davis Cup in as many years on Sunday after beating Spain 2-0 in front of delighted home fans in Bologna.

Flavio Cobolli sparked loud celebrations by coming back from a set down to beat Jaume Munar 1-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5 and ensure that Italy retained the title.

Matteo Berrettini had earlier cruised to a 6-3, 6-4 win over Pablo Carreno Busta, setting Filippo Volandri's team up for victory without the doubles match needing to be played.

"This was my dream, we're a really united team, and we tried to recreate the spirit of the Italy team that won the (football) World Cup in 2006," said Cobolli.

"I'm really proud of everyone and our brilliant fans are also part of this team. I've been repeating for three days but it's the best day of my life."

Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori haven't been employed in a doubles contest in northern Italy as the hosts won the Davis Cup without losing a match.

It's an impressive feat by Italy who competed without their two highest-ranked players in superstar Jannik Sinner and Lorenzo Musetti.

Cup of joy: The Italian team rose to the occasion to quell the Spanish challenge in the finale. AFP

Both players sit in the top 10 of the men's world rankings and were major absences for the tournament, especially as they chose not to take part in the title defence on home soil.

"It doesn't matter who goes out there for us, we have a deep squad and we have a lot of great lads who play great tennis," said Berrettini.

Spain too were missing their top player in world number one Carlos Alcaraz, but the six-time Grand Slam winner would have played had he not suffered a hamstring injury during his ATP Finals showdown with Sinner a week ago.

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> – COBOLLI

Earlier on Sunday, the head of the International Tennis Federation insisted that top players were not snubbing the competition.

"There's this false feeling out there that top players don't represent their nation.

"That's not true," David Haggerty told reporters ahead of the final.

"Some of those top players that played in the qualifier round or the second qualifier round didn't make it to the finals. And so we had many top players that have played."

American Taylor Fritz, Australian Alex de Minaur, Dane Holger Rune and Norwegian Casper Ruud -- all in the top 20 of the men's rankings -- featured in the early rounds of the competition without managing to reach the finals with their respective nations.

The results:
Italy bt Spain 2-0 (Matteo Berrettini bt Pablo Carreno Busta 6-3, 6-4; Flavio Cobolli bt Jaume Munar 1-6, 7-6(5), 7-5).

Veteran: Prannoy, who has been battling injuries, will still be the top-ranked Indian in the fray. FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

India's next-generation hopes to shine at Syed Modi badminton

Uthra Ganesan
LUCKNOW

K. Srikanth and H.S. Prannoy will be hoping to turn around their fortunes and end the season on a high when the Syed Modi India International 2025 begins here on Tuesday, even as the next crop of Indian shuttlers will be looking to prove themselves and earn crucial ranking points.

With no top-20 player and only a smattering of foreign entries, the BWF Super 300 tournament, with an enhanced prize purse of $240,000, has seen a spate of withdrawals, including that of Dane Viktor Axelsen and Malaysia's Sholeh Aidil, defending champion and recently crowned Australian Open winner Lakshya Sen and Ayush Shetty among the men and P.V. Sindhu among the women.

Prannoy, who has been battling injuries and health concerns, has not managed to go beyond the second round in 15 outings in 2025 but will still be the top-ranked Indian in the fray. Srikanth has fared better, reaching the final of the Malaysia Masters in May but failing to capitalise on that momentum since then.

Prannoy last played here in 2019 while Srikanth has won twice, both wins coming in the tournament's previous avatar as a Grand Prix Gold event. The spotlight, however, will be on the likes of Kiran George, Priyanshu Rajawat, Meiraba Maisnam and Mithun Manjunath. Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh, with a couple of Super 300 titles this year, will be looking to add another as the top seed.

Among the women, former world champion Nozomi Okuhara is on a comeback trail and will be hoping to end the season on a high, while the Indian hopes rest on the likes of Tanvi Sharma, Anmol Kharb and Unnati Hooda.

In women's doubles, the pair of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly is back to defend its title, the top-seeded Indian pair looking to win its first World Tour title this year after a series of early exits.

Medvedev, Bopanna to team up for WTL's India debut

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

World No. 13 and 2021 US Open champion Daniil Medvedev headlines the player field for the World Tennis League (WTL) exhibition tennis tournament set to be held in Bengaluru from December 17-20.

On Monday, the League unveiled the team compositions, and players like Denis Shapovalov (Canada), Ukraine's Elina Svitolina, Aussie Nick Kyrgios, Frenchman Gael Monfils and Spain's Paula Badosa are set to feature.

Missing from the roster that was earlier announced is Elina Rybakina, the 2022 Wimbledon champion, who won the season-ending WTA Finals earlier this month in Riyadh.

Medvedev and Bopanna. AFP & FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

The teams: Game Changers Falcons: Daniil Medvedev, Rohan Bopanna, Magda Linette, Sahaja Yamalapalli; **VB Realty Hawks:** Denis Shapovalov, Yuki Bhambri, Elina Svitolina, Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi.
Aussie Mavericks Kites: Nick Kyrgios, Dhakshineshwar Suresh, Marta Kostyuk, Ankita Raina.
AOS Eagles: Gael Monfils, Sumit Nagal, Paula Badosa, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty.

Saving face: Bellingham's late goal helped Madrid get a point at Elche. AFP

Real escapes with a draw; AC Milan pips Inter

Agence France-Presse
ELCHE

Jude Bellingham struck late on to secure Real Madrid a 2-2 draw at Elche on Sunday. Aleix Febas fired the host ahead before Dean Huijsen levelled for the league leader, with Bellingham stabbing home from close range after Alvaro Rodriguez blasted Elche back in front. The result moved Madrid one point ahead of Barcelona, which routed Athletic Bilbao 4-0 on Saturday in its return to the renovated Camp Nou Stadium.

In Serie A, Christian Pulisic scored in his first start for more than a month, and Mike Maignan saved a penalty as AC Milan beat Inter Milan 1-0 in a thrilling derby. Milan's win prevented its city rival from going joint top of Serie A.

Eberechi Eze hailed his "special" moment as the Arsenal star's first-ever hattrick inspired a 4-1 rout of Tottenham. "It is special. Words can't explain this one today."

Top results: LaLiga: Getafe 0 lost to Atletico 1 (Duarte 82-og); Elche 2 (Febas 53, Rodriguez 84) drew with Real Madrid 2 (Huijsen 78, Bellingham 87). **Serie A:** Inter Milan 0 lost to AC Milan 1 (Pulisic 54); Lazio 2 (Guendouzi 29, Noslin 90+6) bt Lecce 0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Joy unbound: Kickstart FC, winner of the 2025-26 KSFA Super Division title. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Double delight for Prajwal

Karnataka's S.D. Prajwal Dev secured both the singles and doubles titles at the ITF World Tennis Tour M15 event which concluded in Bhubaneswar on Sunday. In the singles final, second-seeded Prajwal overcame Digvijay Pratap Singh 7-6(4), 7-6(1) and in doubles, he partnered Siddhant Banthia to defeat Madhwin Kamath and Rohan Mehra 7-6(5), 6-2.

Prajwal Dev.

MEG & Centre pips Sporting Club Bengaluru

MEG & Centre FC pipped Sporting Club Bengaluru 4-3 on the final day of the KSFA Super Division League football on Monday.

At the end of the day's action, Kickstart FC, the 2025-26 champion, was presented with the George Hoover Cup.

The results:
MEG & Centre 4 (Ahmed Asrarul Hug 24, 90+3, Sarath Narayanan 42, Shobhit Chhetri 69) bt Sporting Club Bengaluru 3 (Jomon Jacob 27, G. Udit 41, Bennet B. Babu 45+2).
MFAR Students Union 5 (Daniel Ganghte 10, S. Akshay 38, 77, Malsawm Kima 40, Mohammed Ibrahim Ahmad 35-og) bt Bharat Bengaluru 2 (Michi Mudo 47, 83); BFC 2 (Chaphpamayum Rohen Rishi Singh 49, Taorem Kelvin Singh 90+5) bt Kodagu 1 (Lalkrawsmawia 26).

Akshay's effort goes in vain

Akshay's 27 points went in vain as MNK Rao Park BC beat Bharath SU 74-69 in a men's match at the State Association Cup basketball tournament on Monday.

In a women's tie, Mounts Club, powered by Anvitha's 18 points and Nidhi's 17, edged out Bangalore Vanguards 49-45.

Match drawn

IISC Gymkhana Club drew with Yes for Hockey GS-C 2-2 in the KSHA C-division hockey league championship on Monday.

Karnataka takes lead

Opener Aadesh D. Urs scored a half-century (61) as Karnataka secured a 35-run first-innings lead over Himachal Pradesh on day two of their Cooch Behar Trophy Elite Group-C match at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Monday.

The scores: Himachal Pradesh 162 in 68.5 overs & 69/2 in 27 overs vs. Karnataka 197 in 76.2 overs (Aadesh D. Urs 61, Akshay P. Vashisht 4/37).

Garima scalps four

Garima Yadav took four wickets (4/16) as Uttar Pradesh beat Karnataka by five wickets in the BCCI under-23 Women's T20 Trophy in Sultanpur.

The scores:
Karnataka 77 in 19.4 overs (Garima Yadav 4/16) lost to Uttar Pradesh 78/5 in 18 overs.

State-ranking TT

Bangalore Rural District Table Tennis Association will conduct the Dr. M.S. Ramaiah Memorial state-ranking table tennis tournament from December 1 to 3 at Hill Sports Academy, Doddaballapur.

Entries close on November 28.

Call Udayashankar Rao, mob: 94802 35091.

AIFF adopts constitution as per SC order

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) formally adopted the contentious Article 25.3 (c) and (d) of its Constitution as approved by the Supreme Court of India, with an overwhelming majority in a Special General Meeting organised for the purpose on Monday.

According to Article, an office bearer in the executive committee of the AIFF cannot hold a position as an office bearer in a member/State association. In the previous meeting held on October 12, the AIFF left adopted the constitution without the two clauses, a decision on which was pending in the Supreme Court. The SGM on Monday saw an attendance of 27 member associations, out of which 24 voted for the adoption of the clauses. Two associations - the Indian Football Association (Bengal) and the Goa FA - suggested a review petition in the apex court to reconsider the decision. The Football Association of Odisha has asked for a week's time to deliberate on the issue internally.

"With this, what began in 2017 (when the hearing for the new constitution started in the SC) has finally ended. I am relieved that AIFF has a constitution that fulfils all the requirements of the honourable Supreme Court, FIFA and the AFC," said the AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey.

India and Argentina share honours in practice matches

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

India and Argentina shared the honours (1-1) in the three practice matches at the SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium here, ahead of the FIH junior men's hockey World Cup from November 28.

The two teams drew the first match 1-1 while India won the second 5-3.

Argentina won the third 2-1.

Though the practice matches were considered friendly ones, Argentina and India played fiercely.

India head coach P.R. Sreejesh said on Sunday: "We tried several formations and combinations, playing full-court pass and half-court press. Argentina is one of the teams that plays skillful hockey.

"But we played well. We need to sort out our short passes, long passes and aerial balls. We need to be prepared."

Juan Ignacio Gilardi, Argentina head coach, was happy with his wards' performance.

Tired

"We were a bit tired in the first match due to jet lag. The second was our worst.

"We need to get used to the pitch which is fast. Nevertheless, it was good match preparation."